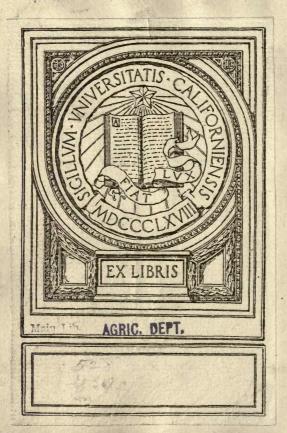
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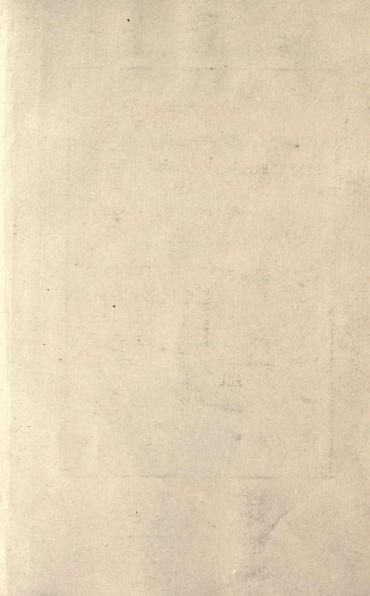


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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING FOREST SURVEYS AND MAPS.

#### ELEMENTS OF SURVEYING AND MAPPING.

These simple instructions are issued to members of the Forest Service in order that forest surveys and maps may be as nearly uniform as practicable. They do not include directions for the use of instruments of great precision, and the tables are prepared only to such accuracy as is attained in careful timber cruising or in surveying with the magnetic compass. This is  $\frac{1}{4}$ ° or 15′ of arc.<sup>1</sup>

Forest surveys are made for two purposes—to locate and mark lines or boundaries upon the ground, or to furnish data for the preparation of maps.

The correctness of a survey depends upon the excellence of the instruments in use and the skill of the surveyor and his party. A skillful surveyor can do better work with poor instruments than an unskilled or careless one with the best instruments. Small instrumental

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "diurnal" or daily change of a magnetic needle, which is one of the variations for which allowance is made in precise surveying, amounts to 10' or 15', and the influence of magnetic storms upon the needle is frequently unsuspected at the time a survey is made.

Clinometers and clinometer compasses, by which the degree of a slope or a vertical angle may be measured, are generally read only to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$ ° or  $\frac{1}{4}$ °.

Members of the Forest Service who are using solars, transits, levels, etc., have received training and experience in the care and use of such instruments, and can execute the necessary surveys of precision. They are provided with advanced manuals of surveying and construction, tables, ephemerides, etc.

errors usually balance themselves, and they are quickly discovered by the trained operator, who will know how to make allowance for them, if necessary. The unskilled or careless man will sometimes read the wrong end of the compass needle; read the graduated ring dial from the wrong direction; make a mistake in entering the reading in his notebook, or perpetrate some other palpable blunder which will throw doubt over the whole work and make a resurvey necessary.

Certain fundamental principles underlie all surveys. We may assume a piece of land the location, extent, and contour of which are unknown. First of all the survey should determine its location, shape, and area, and if necessary its topography, and any other essential data. As in logic, one should start from something which is known to determine something which is unknown. The line which connects an unknown point with a known point is called a tie, and as soon as the tie is run the position of the unknown point is established. A line run around a tract of land is called a boundary line, and the angles on this line are called corners, stations, posts, or stakes, according to the local or established terms. It is not always necessary to run the boundaries of a tract to determine its position and area. A base line might be run across it with ordinates on either side extending to the limits of the tract. Or if the tract is a small watershed, lines might be traversed up all of the streams and drainage lines, or the area might be divided into squares and fractions of squares, similar to land-survey sections. Still another way will be described under the head of "Plane table."

The method to be employed depends upon the purpose of the survey, but no matter what method is used, the survey will fail in its primary purpose if it does not show the location, position, form, and size of the tract surveyed.

INSTRUMENTS USED.

Three kinds of instruments are used in surveying, viz: For determining azimuth or horizontal angles; for determining grade or vertical angles; for determining distances. The horizontal deflection of a line is always expressed in degrees. The vertical deflection of a line is generally expressed in per cent. The length of a line in Government land surveying is always expressed in chains (66 feet). The altitude above sea level is

expressed in feet.

The principal instrument for determining azimuth is the magnetic compass, which, although of very simple construction, will be absolutely misleading to anyone who uses it without understanding. Suppose, for instance, a good compass, manufactured and adjusted in some eastern factory or in Europe, should be taken to the Pacific coast. It would undoubtedly indicate the direction of the magnetic currents at any time and place that it might be used, but its needle would not point north and south and probably would not hang level on the center pivot. The latter defect is quickly remedied by moving a little sliding weight, which should be on the south end of the needle.

Sight compasses are constructed so that they may be sighted upon a distant object and the magnetic direction is determined by reading the degree indicated on the ring dial by the north end of the needle.

Vernier compasses are provided with a revolving graduated ring dial which may be set according to the magnetic variation, thus reducing the reading to true north instead of magnetic north.

Clinometer compasses are provided with a small pendulum hung from the center pivot, which is used to

determine a vertical angle.

Prismatic compasses are sight compasses with a "floating" dial which may be held in the hand. The sight is taken and the direction is read in the same operation.

Mirror compasses are provided with a reflecting surface on the inside of a hinged cover, and the reflection of the reading is noted at the time the sight is taken.

Alidade compasses are provided with at least one straight edge parallel to the line of sight. The bottom of the compass is smooth so that the instrument may be laid upon a map and the straight edge used as a ruler.

Solar compasses are provided with a special attachment which can be revolved independent of the compass for taking observations on the sun and determining the cardinal direction without using the compass needle.

Compasses are also used as a part of the equipment of transits, levels, and plane tables, and in such cases these instruments should be constructed of nonmagnetic materials, in order that the needle may not be deflected. Iron, nickel, cobalt, and manganese are the most magnetic substances.

The instruments for determining grade or vertical angles are:

The grademeter;

The Locke hand level; and

The Abney reflecting level, which is provided with a vertical arc, graduated either to per cent, degrees, or ratio of slope, according to the purpose for which it is used.

The unit of land measure is the standard surveyor's chain of 66 feet. For some classes of work steel band chains or steel tapes are found more convenient and economical, because they are lighter and greater lengths can be dragged over the ground, thus effecting a saving in pinning and tallying. Tapes are usually graduated in feet, and when they are used it is necessary to reduce the measurements to standard chains, in order that they may conform with the official land surveys. In some regions the best means for determining distances are the stadia transit and rod. These instruments are used by specially trained men, and are therefore not described here.

#### FOREST SERVICE STANDARD COMPASS.

Figure 1 shows the surveying compass which has been adopted by the Forest Service for the use of field men in making forest surveys and maps. Very accurate work can be done with this instrument if properly used, and for this reason requisitions for transits should not be made unless there is a special need for using a still higher grade instrument. The principal features of this standard compass are as follows:

The sights are very tall, and therefore admit of use on steep hillsides or in taking observations on Polaris. The hair sight may be repaired easily by threading through the holes at A and B. If after long use the sights work too freely they may be tightened by the nut C.

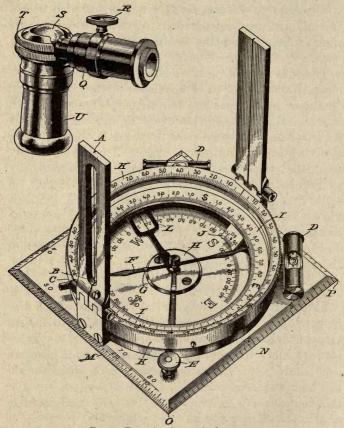


Fig. 1.—Forest Service standard compass. ·

The base of the instrument is an accurate square, beveled and graduated as a protractor on two sides and to inch scales on two sides. One of these scales is Forest Atlas standard of 1 inch to 1 mile, and is divided into eighths, each of which represents 10 chains. The other scale is decimal. The base supports two levels, D, set at right angles to each other, each being adjustable by means of small screws and a center point on which they rock.

The clamp E is a milled nut which operates to lift the needle from the center pin when the compass is not in use. It works so easily on a screw that the azimuth of the instrument need not be disturbed when the needle is unclamped or clamped. The thread is riveted on the

top so that the nut will not come off and be lost.

The needle F is of blue steel and is provided on its south end with a small brass weight, which may be pushed toward or away from the center if it becomes necessary to make the needle hang horizontal and counteract the magnetic dip in any locality. Of course the needle should be removed from the center pivot when this is done. The base dial is reenforced at H to hold the center pivot more securely. It is engraved to show (1) the cardinals, (2) a half circle of degrees for the clinometer, and (3) 70° of variation, including east and west. The ring dial I is graduated to degrees reading from zero°, from north and south, to 90° at east and west. It carriers a vernier, J, which reads against the variation graduation on the base dial. The cover is of heavy plate glass and is held in place by a graduated and slotted rim, K, which also revolves in azimuth.

The clinometer consists of a weighted pendulum, L, which hangs on the center pivots and is provided with

a pointer which reads against a graduation on the base dial.

The edges M and N are perpendicular to each other, and the line O P is parallel to the line of sight and

may, therefore, be used as an alidade.

The above description covers that portion of the instrument which is used upon a plane table either for ordinary compass work or for mapping on the planetable sheet. The instrument is, however, provided with a ball-and-socket attachment so that it may be used upon a Jacob staff, tripod, or more conveniently held in the hand if used as a hand compass for rough cruising. These parts are shown in the illustration; Q, a cone-bearing containing the spindle, which may be clamped by the screw R; the ball S is held by the socket cover T, which screws upon the mounting U.

When this instrument is used on the plane table the

proceeding is as follows:

The sights having been raised and the instrument laid on the table, the table is leveled by observing the bubbles. The variation having been set off, the table is oriented with the compass needle, which should read zero at the north end. Then sights may be taken upon all the objects to be mapped, using the edge OP, or the opposite parallel edge, as an alidade. The distances may be measured with the scale.

When used as a surveyor's compass the leveling is done by means of the ball and socket S and T, and the compass is revolved in azimuth by loosening the clamp screw R.

As a clinometer for measuring vertical angles, the edge M may be laid upon a slope and the pendulum

will show the number of degrees of dip or rise. This is not the same as "per cent of grade." The difference is shown on page 40. Another method is to lay the edge M on the level plane-table board and, revolving the rim vertically, take a sight through the slots K. The angle of dip or rise may then be very closely approximated by reading the graduation on the rim. In some of these instruments the cover of the socket, at the ball joint, is cut away on one side, permitting the spindle to be tipped over and the compass revolved in a vertical plane. The sights may then be used in connection with the clinometer. This altered socket will be issued when specially requisitioned.

Right angles may be turned accurately without the use of the compass by two methods: (1) By drawing a line on the plane-table sheet on the edges OP and then turning the instrument  $90^{\circ}$  until the edge M coincides with the line, or (2) the slots K may be used without moving the instrument, as they are placed exactly  $90^{\circ}$ 

apart.

This instrument should give good results if used and treated with the care which is necessary for any well-made and carefully adjusted instrument. The custodian should keep it clean, but should not oil it, though it may be wiped occasionally with a slightly greasy piece of muslin. The needle should always be clamped when not in use, and the hair sight should always be closed down first so that it will be protected by the slot sight. The cover glass may be removed by taking off the sights and then the surrounding rim, which is provided with small brass screws which travel in a channel cut into the outside of the compass box. It is

not necessary to remove the glass in order to sharpen the center pivot. This may be done by unscrewing it from the under side of the compass after the needle has been clamped, although this must be done very carefully, so that the clinometer pendulum will not move out of place; otherwise it will be necessary to remove the cover glass.

In case of any serious injury to any instrument, it should be returned to the property clerk at Ogden for

repairs.

The instrument should not be kept near large bodies of iron, nor exposed to electric motors or generators. Compass needles are frequently demagnetized by being carried in a valise in an electric car and being set down over a powerful motor, because the needle is clamped (as it should be) while being carried. On the other hand, the magnetism of a needle may be strengthened by laying the compass, with the needle unclamped, near a direct-current motor or generator or strong magnet. A better plan is to unclamp the needle, and after it has found its bearing, to clamp it and leave it to the influence of the magnetic current. In this way the continued quiver of the needle will not dull the center pivot.

Do not allow the needle to be deflected, while being read, by an ax, jackknife, pencil tip, the metal band of

a hat, or other metal.

#### THE POCKET COMPASS.

The Forest Service standard pocket compass is a strong and serviceable instrument for cruising or retracing survey lines. Instructions for its proper use are engraved upon the base dial, as shown in figure 2.

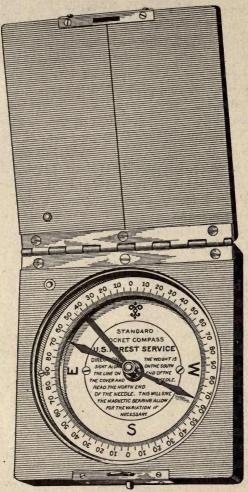


Fig. 2.—Standard pocket compass.

#### MAGNETIC NEEDLE.

It is unfortunate that all makers of surveying instruments do not have a uniform method of designating the north or south end of compass needles, but that the surveyor must learn and remember whether the blue or white, or the weighted or cross-barred end of the needle is the one which points northward. Some small compasses also differ in the positions of the E. and W. according to the use which is to be made of them. If they are to be used as sight compasses, they should have the E. on the left side of the dial. In good weather, when the sun shines or where distant features of the landscape are in constant view, there is little chance of error by reading the wrong end of the needle, but there are many conditions under which the compass alone must be the guide.

#### VARIATION.

It will be seen by the map (fig. 3) that only along one line in the United States, the so-called "line of no variation," does the needle point due north. This line is not stationary, but has a slow movement westward. At all other points in the United States the north end of the needle is deflected toward the "line of no variation." In the North Atlantic States the variation of the north end of the needle is to the west, and a surveyor at Augusta, Me., would enter in his field notes "variation 16° west." At Portland, Oreg., the entry would be "variation 21½° east." The maximum annual change of variation in the United States is only about 5 minutes. On the Pacific coast it is only 1 minute.



East of West of the heavy line the variation is east of true north. the heavy line the variation is west of true north. Fig. 3.-Lines of equal magnetic variation in the United States.

If a survey is to be made in a region which has not been subdivided by Government land surveys or where the variation of the needle is not known, then the sur-

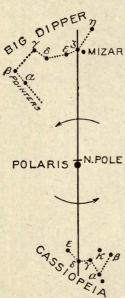


Fig. 4.—Position of the Big Dipper and Cassiopeia when Polaris is due north. If the figure is held upside down it shows the reverse position in which Polaris is also due north.

veyor must do one of three things. He should if possible find the variation by observing the Pole Star, of which approximate bearings are given (Table 1) at 9 p. m. during the year; or he may obtain the true meridian by observing the sun at apparent noon. If neither can be done, a variation may be assumed after examination of figure 3, and this assumed variation should be entered in the field notes and shown on the map, with the date when the map is prepared.

#### OBSERVING POLARIS.

The Pole Star is not exactly above the North Pole of the earth, but its bearing is due north twice a day, and an observation of it at one of these times will give a true meridian. Mizar, a double star in the bend of the

handle of the Big Dipper is either above or below the Pole Star at these times. The same is true of the star  $\delta$  (Delta) in the constellation Cassiopeia. (See fig. 4.) At all other hours the Pole Star has a bearing either

east or west of true north. It is most convenient to take a sight on Polaris at 9 p. m., and for this reason the accompanying table was prepared. The sight having been taken, it will be easy to turn the compass to true north and ascertain the variation.

TABLE 1.—Bearing of Polaris, east or west of true north, at 9 p. m. at different latitudes in the United States for the years 1912, 1913, 1914.

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### OBTAINING A TRUE MERIDIAN BY OBSERVING THE SUN AT APPARENT NOON.

In addition to the instructions given on pages 16 to 19, there is a method of obtaining a true meridian by observing the sun with a sight compass at the exact time it is due south. The time of this southing is called apparent noon and changes from day to day. It is not the same as local mean noon, nor standard time noon. It is best to set your watch for local mean time, since you can then observe a southing at the time given in Table 2. If your watch is set for standard time, it will be necessary to set it ahead or back by adding or subtracting a correction, according as the longitude of your station is either east or west of one of the standard meridians. These are:

Local mean time at—
Longitude 75°=Eastern standard time.
Longitude 90°=Central standard time.
Longitude 105°=Mountain standard time.
Longitude 120°=Pacific standard time.

The correction for a degree of longitude is 4 minutes of time; the correction for a minute of longitude is 4 seconds of time. To illustrate: The local mean time in longitude 108° will evidently be 12 minutes behind Mountain standard time, or 48 minutes ahead of Pacific standard time. The local mean time in longitude 114° 35′ will be 21 minutes and 40 seconds ahead of Pacific standard time. The method is:

Pacific standard time is for longitude 120° 00′ Local mean time is required for longitude 114° 35′ Then 5° 25′ Multiplied by 4 4 Gives 20 m. 100 s., or 21 m. 40 s.

The watch must be Showing the hour, minute, and second at which the sun will bear exactly south. set to local mean time (not standard, nor sidereal, nor sun time) TABLE 2.

TABLE 2a.—Showing the hour, minute, and second at which the sun will bear exactly south. The watch must be set to local mean time (not standard, nor sidereal, nor sun time).

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	May.	H. 111111111111111111111111111111111111
	Apr.	H. 12333333333333333333333333333333333333
	Mar.	H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H
	Feb.	H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H
	Jan.	H
	Day of month.	-0.84001888888888888888888888888888888888

(Insert these tables in the "Instructions for Making Forest Surveys and Maps," 1912, page 22.)

Table 26.—Showing the hour, minute, and second at which the sun will bear exactly south. The watch must be set to local mean time (not standard, nor sidereal, nor sun time).

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	July.	H
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	May.	H. H
	Apr.	72222222222222222222222222222222222222
	Mar.	6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	Feb.	12000000000000000000000000000000000000
	Jan.	H. H
	Day of month.	-14%4rorxocida4755755844884888888

#### PLANE TABLE.

For making any map the plane table is the best instrument in use. Instead of taking notes, as in running compass lines, the surveyor plats his work in the field and can thus always see the progress made. Errors and omissions are discovered quickly and rectified.

The paper upon which the map is to be made is fastened to the plane-table board by thumb tacks, and upon it rests the alidade, a straightedge or ruler with folding sights like a compass. From a point on the paper which represents the starting point on the ground over which the table is standing the surveyor draws lines on the paper with the alidade to the various topographic features which are to be mapped. From start to finish of the survey it must at all stations retain the same orientation—that is to say, at every station where the table is set up its sides must be exactly parallel to its position at the original station.

There are several methods, all based upon the same principles. If an isolated block of forest is to be bounded by a survey, the method would be:

Set up at A with one side of the table bearing approximately north and south. As A is near the southeast corner of the tract, begin to draw at the corresponding place on the paper. With the alidade draw a line from A toward B. Measure the distance AB on the ground and scale the proportionate distance on the paper. Set the table at B. With the alidade on the drawn line take a backsight on A. The table will then be oriented or parallel to its position when at A. Draw a line on the paper from B toward C. Measure it and

scale on the map. Proceed as before, and the result will be a map which will truly represent the lines on the ground. (See fig. 5.)

In this case the points C and D were not visible from A, but if, instead of being a block of forest, the area were an open meadow, then a second method would be used.

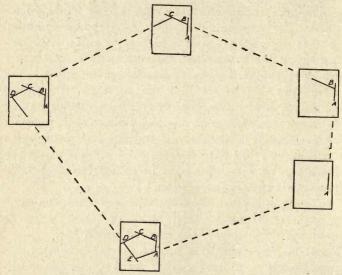


Fig. 5.—Plane-table method in which the table is set up at all the stations.

Set up at A. Draw lines to B, C, D, and E. Measure AB. Set up at B. Orient on A. Draw lines to C, D, and E. The intersections of the line will give the other three points. The line AB is a base line. (See fig. 6.)

The third method is an extension of the second and involves some near-by points which can not be located

from the base line. From A and B the points C, D, E, and F are intersected, and one sight is taken on G, which is obviously too nearly in line with the base line to be accurately intersected. Subsequently the table is set up at C and oriented by taking sights on A, B, D, E, and F. It is then easy to intersect G, and also get

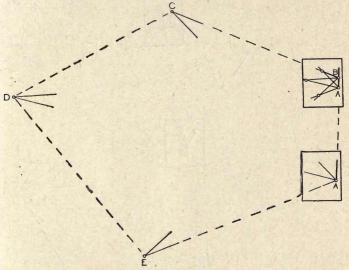


Fig. 6.—Plane-table method in which the table is set up at two stations and the remaining three are located by intersections.

a sight on H, which was not visible before. H may be intersected from G. (See fig. 7.)

A fourth method is employed when the table must be set up at an unknown point from which three or more known points are visible. This is the "threepoint problem," in which the suveyor "picks up" his location. Suppose that C, D, and E were located by the third method and are high and well-defined peaks. They form a triangle which can be accurately platted on the paper, and the best plan is to prick in the points with a fine needle. The surveyor will then proceed

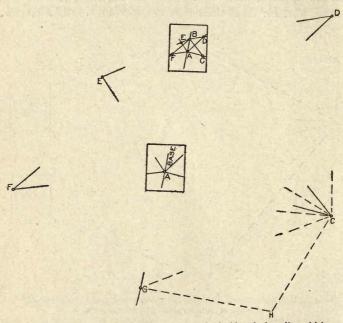


Fig. 7.—Plane-table method of locating points on both sides of a base line which are to be occupied later and the survey extended.

by setting up the table at the point which is to be located and from which he can see the three peaks. Orient approximately by compass. With the alidade draw lines from each peak toward the point of set-up. If the three lines intersect, the desired point is located,

except as noted below. If the lines do not intersect, the orientation may be changed until they do, but an easier plan is to fasten a piece of tracing cloth on the table and assume a point from which the lines may be drawn toward the peaks. The tracing may then be shifted over the paper to find a position at which the lines will

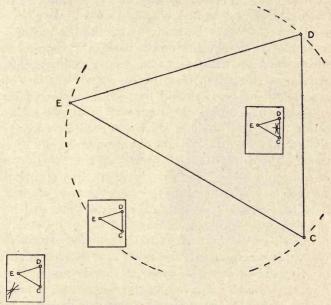


Fig. 8.—Plane-table method of finding location from three points.

exactly cover the three needle holes on the paper. This method is reliable when the desired location is within the triangle, but it is useless when the table is set up on or near a circle which would pass through the three peaks. For this reason four or more points should be used if possible. (See fig. 8.)

#### ANEROID BAROMETER.

The pocket aneroid barometer is not a very accurate instrument, but satisfactory results may generally be obtained by using the following method: Two aneroids are necessary. Both should be compared and set at some established elevation, such as a bench mark of the Geological Survey or at a railway station. Any necessary correction may be made by sliding the rim or by means of the small screw on the back of the barometer, which will move the hand to the proper reading. After arriving at the camp from which the survey is to be made both aneroids should be read and the readings entered in the notes. One aneroid should be kept in camp while the other is used in the field, and they should be compared twice a day, say, at 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. The camp barometer will then show the change in atmospheric pressure from time to time during the survey, and the difference between the two, when the field barometer is being used at a distance, will give the difference in elevation between the camp and the point where the field barometer was read. If the two barometers agree in the morning and do not agree at evening the difference, if material, may be proportioned during the day's notes, assuming the camp barometer to be correct. The scale of "mercury inches." generally graduated on aneroids, is not to be used. If a barometer gets out of order or does not give satisfaction, it should be returned to the property clerk. Do not attempt to repair it nor oil any of its parts.

## METHOD OF USING THE FOREST SERVICE STANDARD HYPSOMETER AND GRADEMETER.

Stand 100 feet from the base of the tree which is to be measured.

The observer inserts the fingers of his left hand into the loop of leather straps attached to the back of the

hypsometer, with both straps inside of the hand and the instrument on the back of the fingers. Closing the hand enables him to grasp the straps firmly. The thumb is in such a position as readily to press down the small brass knob which releases the circular pendulum on the inside of case. By an easy motion of the elbow, the small peephole is



Fig. 9.—Method of sighting with standard hypsometer.

brought close to the eye of the observer. The square window, directly opposite the peephole, is pointed toward the object whose height is to be determined. The light enters from the large window on the face of instrument.

With the thumb pressing the release, the sight is taken on the object and the height is read at the same time; or the thumb may be lifted, and the pendulum thus being clamped, the height of the tree may be read through the window.

If the observer stands only 50 feet from the tree the reading must be divided by 2. If he stands 200 feet away it must be multiplied by 2, and proportionately for other distances.

The reading gives the height above the level of the eye. Allowance must be made if the observer's eye is

above or below the stump height of the tree.

The notebook and pencil are held in the right hand while an observation is being taken, and the notebook is passed to the left hand when the observation is entered. The hypsometer being on the back of the fingers allows free play for the thumb, palm, and ends of the fingers of the left hand to hold the notebook. In moving from station to station the right hand is then free to assist in getting through the brush or in crossing logs.

The circular pendulum is graduated to tangents. Therefore it may be used to determine the per cent of grade of a road or trail. For this purpose sights may be taken downhill as well as uphill. No conversion of figures is necessary. If the reading is 10 the grade is 10 per cent. It will not hereafter be necessary to use pocket levels for this class of work, since the hypsometer-grademeter answers every purpose.

# DETAILS OF SURVEYING.

#### MEASUREMENTS.

The most frequent source of error in pacing, chaining, or steel taping is in counting the tallies—assuming that the mechanical part of the work is well done. The memory should not be trusted. The only safe plan is to enter each tally in the field notes as soon as that tally is completed and the pins or stakes have been counted by both chainmen and before the next tally is begun. When timber is being estimated along the survey line this error is not likely to occur, as the numbers on the timber sheets are a check upon the work.

If a pair of amateur chainmen went over some open level country and reported a distance of 174.62 chains, an error, if one existed, would probably be found in the "tens" or tallies, and a resurvey would give 164.62 or 184.62 chains. The standard chain has a length of 66 feet. If any other unit of linear measure is used, it must be made clear in the notes.

For some classes of work steel tapes or "band chains" are preferable, because, being lighter, they can be longer and stretched straighter than chains.

# CONCERNING ACCURACY.

The field work of the Forest Service extends over millions of acres of wild, very rough, and frequently almost inaccessible lands. In the surveying and mapping of such lands, it should be understood that the term "accuracy" does not call for the degree of precision which would be applied to city lots having a value of \$1,000 per square foot. The surveys of the Forest Service call for *practical accuracy*, rather than technical correctness or precision.

Figure 10 shows the changing areas in the survey of a square mile in which there is a compass error of one-fourth degree. When measurements close, but not at right angles, the result is a diamond, and the loss in area is about 0.02 of an acre, representing a value of only 5 or 10 cents. In a converging section the loss may be 2.80



Fig. 10.—Areas of a section containing a compass error of 0.25 degree.

acres, but in either instance such a survey is considered to inclose a conventional section of 640 acres, and this will also be the case if there is an excess acreage to the same extent. To survey a perfect square would be very expensive and not justifiable in view of the trifling values involved.

# TRAVERSE.

When a survey is run along a road or stream, or follows the crest of a divide, the line "meanders" and consists of a number of short courses and distances. The courses are read from the north end of the needle and platted on the map with a protractor. Whenever the actual change in latitude or departure (longitude) is desired, it may be computed with the traverse table.

In platting with the protractor care should be used that all the angles are set off from the same meridian, otherwise the errors will accumulate. The angles of all courses in surveying are measured from the north and south cardinals toward the east or west, and they should be platted the same. The figures on some protractors are misleading in this respect.

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45	8216	5700	6433	1400	4649	7100	2866	2800	1082	8500	15
35 0	8192	5736	6383	1472	4575	7207	2766	2943	0958	8679	55 0
15	0.8166		1.0333		2.4499					2.8857 9035	45 30
30	8141	5807 5842	6282 6231	1614 1685	4423	7421 7527	2565 2463	3228 3370	0706 0579	9035	15
36 0	8116 8090	5878	6180	1756	4347 4271	7634	2361	3511	0451	9389	54 0
. 15	8064	5913	6129	1826	4193	7739	2258	3652	0322	9565	45
30	8039	5948	6077	1896	4116	7845	2154	3793	0193	9741	30
45	8013	5983	6025	1966		7950	2050	3933	0063	9916	15
37 0	7986	6018	5973	2036	3959	8054	1945		3.9932	3.0091	53 0
15	7960	6053	5920	2106	3880	8159	1840	4212	9800	0365	45
30	7934	6088	5867	2175	3801	8263	1734	4350	9668	0438	30
45	0.7907	0.6122	1.5814	1.2244	2.3721	1.8367	3.1628	2.4489	3.9534	3.0611	15
38 0	7880	6157	5760	2313	3640	8470	- 1520	4626	9400	0783	52 0
15	7853	6191	5706	2382		8573	1413	4764	9266	0955	45
30	7826	6225	5652	2450		8675	1304	4901	9130	1126	30
45	7799	6259	5598	2518	3397	8778	1195	5037	8994	1296	15
39 0	7771	6293	5543	2586	3314	8880	1086	5173	8857	1466	51 0
15	7744	6327	5488	2654	3232	8981	0976	5308	8720	1635	45 30
30	7716	6361 6394	5432	2722		9082 9183	0865	5443 5578	8581 8442	1804 1972	15
40 0	7688 7660	6428	5377 5321	2789 2856	3065 2981	9284	0754 0642	5712	8302	2139	50 0
15	0.7632			1. 2922				2 5845		3. 2306	45
30	7604	6494	5208	2989		9483	0416	5978	8020	2472	30
45	7576	6528	5151	3055		9583	0303	6110	7878	2638	15
41 0	7547	6561	5094	3121	2641	9682	0188	6242	7735	2803	49 0
15	7518	6593	5037	3187	2555	9780	0074	6374	7592	2967	45
30	7490	6626	4979	3252	2469	9879	2.9958	6505	7448	3131	30
45	7461	6659	4921	3318		9976	9842	6635	7303	3294	15
42 0	7431	6691	4863	3383	2294		9726	6765	7157	3457	48 0
15	7402	6724	4804	3447	2207	0171	9609	6895	7011	3618	45
30	7373	6756	4746	3512	2118	0268	9491	7024	6864	3780	30
45							2.9373	2.7152	3.6716	3.3940	15
43 0	7314	6820	4627	3640		0460	9254	7280	6568	4100	47 0 45
15 30	7284 7254	6852 6884	4567 4507	3704 3767	1851	0555 0651	9135 9015	7407 7534	6419 6269	4259 4418	30
30 45	7254	6915	4447	3830	1761 1671	0745	8895	7661	6118	4576	15
44 0	7193	6947	4387	3893	1580	0840	8774	7786	5967	4733	46 0
15	7163	6978	4326	3956		0934	8652	7912	5815	4890	45
30	7133	7009	4265	4018	1398	1027	8530	8036	5663	5045	30
45	7102	7040	4204	4080	1306	1120	8407	8161	5509	5201	15
45 0	7071	7071	4142			1213	8284	8284	5355	5355	45 0
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Course.	Dist		Dis		Annual Control	t. 8.	-	t. 9.		t. 10.	
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0 15	E 0000	0 0060	6.9999	0 0205	7 0000	0 0340	2 0000	0 0303	0 0000	0.0436	100000
30	9999	0.0202	9999	0.0303	9997	0698	9997	0.0393	9996	0.0430	30
45	9995	0785	9994	0916	9993	1047	9992	1178	9996	1309	15
1 0	9991	1047	9989	1222	9988	1396	9986	1571	9985	1745	89 0
15	9986	1309	9983	1527	9981	1745	9979	1963	9976	2181	45
30	9979	1571	9976	1832	9973	2094	9969	2356	9966	2618	30
45	9972	1832	9967	2138	9963	2443	9958	2748	9953	3054	15
2 0	9963	2094	9957	2443	9951	2792	9945	3141	9939	3490	88 0
15 30	9954 9943	2356 2617	9946 9933	2748 3053	9938 9924	3141 3490	9931 9914	3533 3926	9923 9905	3926 4362	45 30
45			6.9919			0.3838				0.4798	15
3 0	9918	3140	9904	3664	9890	4187	9877	4710	9863	5234	87 0
15	9904	3402	9887	3968	9871	4535	9855	5102	9839	5669	45
30	9888	3663	9869	4273 4578	9851	4884	9832	5494	9813	6105	30
45	9872	3924	9850	4578	9829	5232	9807	5886	9786	6540	15
4 0	9854	4185	9829	4883	9805	5581	9781	6278	9756	6976	86 0
. 15	9835	4447	9808	5188	9780	5929	9753	6670	9725	7411	45 30
30	9815	4708 4968	9784	5492 5797	9753 9725	6277 6625	9723 9691	7061 7453	9692 9657	7846 8281	15
5 0	9794 9772	5229	9760 9734	6101	9696	6972	9658	7844	9619	8716	85 0
15	5 9748	0 5490	6.9706	0.6405	7. 9664	0. 7320	8. 9622	0. 8235	9.9580	0.9150	45
30	9724	5751	9678	6709	9632	7668	9586	8626	9540	9585	30
45	9698	6011	9648	7013 7317	9597	8015	9547	9017	9497	1.0019	15
6 0	9671	6272	9617	7317	9562	8362	9507	9408	9452	0453	84 0
15	9643	6532	9584	7621	9525	8709	9465	9798	9406	0887	45
30	9614	6792	9550	7924	9486	9056		1.0188	9357	1320	30
7 0	9584	7052	9515 9478	8228 8531	9445 9404	9403 9750	9376 9329	0578 0968	9307 9255	1754 2187	83 0
7 0	9553 9520	7312 7572	9440	8834		1.0096	9329	1358	9200	2620	45
30	9487	7832	9401	9137	9316	0442	9230	1747	9144	3053	30
45	5. 9452	0.8091	6.9361	0.9440	7, 9269	1,0788	8.9178	1, 2137	9.9087	1.3485	15
8 0	9416	8350	9319	9742	9221	1134	9124	2526	9027	3917	82 0
15	9379	8610	9276	1.0044	9172	1479	9069	2914	8965	4349	45
30	9341	8869	9231	0347	9121	1825	9011	3303	8902	4781	30
45	9302	9127	9185	0649	9069	2170	8953	3691	8836	5212	15
9 0	9261	9386	9138	0950	9015	2515	8892	4079	8769	5643	81 0
15 30	9220 9177	9645	9090 9040	1252 1553	8960 8903	2859 3204	8830 8766	4467 4854	8700 8629	6074 6505	45 30
45		9903 1.0161	8989	1854	8844	3548	8700	5241	8556	6935	15
10 0	9088	0419	8937	2155	8785	3892	8633	5628	8481	7365	80 0
15	5.9042	1.0677	6.8883	1. 2456	7.8723	1.4235	8.8564	1.6015	9.8404	1.7794	45
30	8995	0934	8728	2756	8660	4579	8493	6401	8325	8224	30
11 d5	8947	1191	8772	3057	8596	4922	8421	6787	8245	8652	15
11 0	8898	1449	8714	3357	8530	5265	8346	7173	8163	9081	79 0
15	8847	1705	8655	3656	8463	5607	8271	7558	8079	9509	45
30 45	8795 8743	1962 2219	8595 8533	3956 4255	8394 8324	5949 6291	8193 8114	7943 8328	7992 7905	9937 2.0364	15
12 0	8689	2475	8470	4255	8252	6633	8033	8712	7815	0791	78 0
15	8634	2731	8406	4852	8178	6974	7951	9096	7723	1218	45
30	8578	2986	8341	5151	8104	7315	7867	9480	7630	1644	30
45	5.8521	1.3242	6.8274	1.5449	7.8027	1.7656	8.7781	1.9863	9.7534	2.2070	15
13 0	8462	3497	8206	5747	7950 7870	7996	7693	2.0246	7437	2495	77 0
15	8403	3752	8137	6044	7870	8336	7604		7338	2920	45
30	8342	4007	8066	6341	7790	8676	7513	1010	7237	3345	30
14 0	8281	4261	7994 7921	6638 6935	7707	9015	7421 7327	1392 1773	7134	3769	15
14 0 15	8218 8154	4515 4769	7921	7231	7624 7538	9354 9692	7231	2154	7030 6923	4192 4615	76 0 45
30	8089	5023	7770	7527	7452	2.0030	7133	2534	6815	5038	30
45	8023	5276	7693	7822	7364	0368	7034	2914	6705	5460	15
15 0	7956	5529	7615	7822 8117	7274	0706	6933	3294	6593	5882	75 0
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- 10/20	Dist		Dist		Dis		Dis			t. 10.	Course.

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15	15 30		1.5782		1.8412		2.1042				2.6303	74 45	
	45	7818 7747	6034 6286	7454 7372	8707 9001	7090 6996	1379 1715	6727 6621	4051 4430	6363 6246	6724 7144	30	
16	0	7676	6538	7288	9295	6901	2051	6514	4807	6126	7564	74 (	
	15	7603	6790	7203	9588	6804	2386	6404	5185	6005	7983	45	
	30	7529	7041	7117	9881	6706	2721	6294	5561	5882	8402	30	
17	45	7454	7292		2.0174	6606	3056	6181	5938	5757	8820	15	
17	0 15	7378 7301	7542 7792	6941 6851	0466 0758	6504	3390 3723	6067 5952	6313 6689	5630 5502	9237 9654	73 (	
	30	7223	8042	6760	1049		4056	5835	7064	5372	3.0071	30	
	45	5.7144	1.8292	6.6668	2.1341	7.6192	2.4389	8.5716	2.7438	9.5240	3.0486	18	
	0	7063	8541	6574	1631	6085	4721	5595	7812	5106	0902	72 (	
	15	6982	8790	6479	1921	5976	5053	5473	8185	4970	1316	45	
	30 45	6899 6816	9038 9286	6383 6285	2211 2501	5866	5384 5715	5349 5224	8557 8930	4832 4693	1730 2144	30	
19	0	6731	9534	6186	2790	5754 5641	6045	5097	9301	4552	2557	71 (	
	15	6645	9781	6086	3078	5527	6375	4968	9672	4409	2969	4	
	30	6558	2.0028	5985	3366	5411	6705	4838	3.0043	4264	3381	30	0
00	45	6471	0275	5882	3654	5294	7033	4706	0413	4118	3792	13	
20	0 15	6382	0521 2.0767	5778	3941	5175	7362	4572	0782	3969	4202 3.4612	70 (	
	30	6200		5567	4515			4300	1519	3667	5021	30	
	45	6108		5459	4800		8343	4162	1886		5429	18	
21	0	6015	1502	5351	5086	4686	8669	4022	2253	3358	5837		0
	15	5920		5241	5371	4561	8995	3881	2619	3201	6244	4	
	30	5825	1990	5129	5655		9320	3738	2985	3042	6650	30	
22	45	5729 5631	2233 2476	5017 4903	5939 6222		9645 9969	3593 3447	3350 3715	2881 2718	7056 7461	68	0
24	15	5532	2719	4788	6505	4175	3.0292	3299	4078		7855	4	5
	30	5433	2961	4672	6788	3910	0615	3149	4442	2388	8268	30	
	45		2.3203	6.4554	2.7070	7.3776	3.0937	8.2998		9.2220	3.8671	1.	
23	0	5230			7351	3640			5166		9073		0
	15 30	5127 5024	3685 3925	4315 4194	7632 7912		1580 1900		5527 5887	1879 1706	9474 9875	30	
	45	4919		4072	8192				6247	1531	4. 0275	1.	
24	0	4813		3948			2539		6606		0674		0
	15	4706	4643	3823	8750	2941	2858	2059		1176	1072	4.	5
	30	4598		3697	9029	2797	3175	1897	7322	0996	1469	3	
25	45	4489					3493 3809	1733 1568	7679 8036		1866 2262	65	
	0 15	4378 5 4267	5357 2.5594			2505 $7.2356$	3 4125	8 1401		9.0446	4. 2657	4	0
	30	4155		3181	3.0136	2207	4441	1233	8746	0259	3051	3	
	45	4042	6067	3049	0411	2056	4756	1063	9100	0070	3445	1.	5
26	0	3928				1904	5070			8.9879	3837		0
	15	3812		2781	0960				9806 4. 0158		4229	4.	C
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27	0	3460				1438 1281	6319		0859		5399		0
	15	3341	7472	2231	2051	1121	6630	0012	1209	8902	5787	4	5
	30	3221	7705		2322	0061	6940	7.9831	1557	8701	6175	3	
00	45	5.3099		6. 1949			3.7249				4.6561	62	
28	0 15	2977 2853	8168 8399			0636	7558 7866	9465 9280		8295 8089	6947 7332	62 4	0
	30	2729			3401					7882	7716	3	
	45	2604		1371	3669	0138	8479	8905	3289	7673	8099	1.	5
29	0	2477	9089	1223	3937	6. 9970	8785	8716	3633	7462	8481	61	0
	15	2350		1075	4203	9800	9090	8525	3976		8862	4.	
	30 45	2221 2692			4470 4735	0020		8332 8138			9242 9622	30	
30	40		3.0000		5000		1 4 0000				5. 0000		0
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Course.	-	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.		
0 1	13001	Бор.		Dop.	25000	- op.					0	1
30 15	5. 1830	3.0226	6.0468	3.5264	6.9107	4.0302	7.7745	4.5340	8.6384	5.0377	59	45
30	1698	0452	0314	5528	8930	0603	7547	5678	6163	0754		30
45	1564	0678	0158	5791	8753	0903	7347	6016	5941	1129		15
31 0	1430	0902	0002	6053	8573	1203	7145	6353	5717	1504	59	0
. 15	1295	1126	5.9844	6314	8393	1502	6942	6690	5491	1877		45
30	1158	1350	9685	6575	8211	1800	6738	7025	5264	2250		30
32 0	1021 0883	1573 1795	9525 9363	6835 7094	8028 7844	2097 2394	6532 6324	7359 7693	5035 48)5	2621 2992	58	15
15	0744	2017	9201	7353	7658	2689	6116	8025	4573	3361	90	45
30	0603	2238	9037	7611	7471	2984	5905	8357	4339	3730		30
45	5. 0462		5.8873			4.3278				5. 4097		15
33 0	0320	2678	8707	8125	7094	3571	5480	9018	3867	4464	57	0
15	0177	2898	8540	8381	6903	3863	5266	9346	3629	4829		45
30	0033	3116	8372	8636	6711	4155	5050	9674	3389	5194		30
45	4.9888	3334	8203	8890	6518	4446		5.0001	3147	5557		15
34 0	9742	3552	8033	9144	6323	4735	4613	0327	2904	5919	56	0
30	9595	3768	7861	9396	6127	5024	4393	0652 0977	2659 2413	6280 6641		45 30
45	9448 9299	3984 4200	7689 7515	9648 9900	5930 5732	5312 5600	4171 3948	1300	2165	7000		15
35 0	9149	4415		4.0150	5532	5886	3724	1622	1915	7358	55	0
15	4. 8998		5. 7165	4.0400		4. 6172				5. 7715	00	45
30	8847	4842	6988	0649	5129	6456	3270	2263	1412	8070		30
45	8694	5055	6810	0897	4926	6740	3042	2582	1157	8425		15
36 0	8541	5267	6631	1145	4721	7023	2812	2901	0902	8779	54	0
15	8387	5479	6451	1392	4516	7305	2580	3218	0644	9131		45
30	8231	5689	6270	1638	4309	7586	2347	3534	0386	9482		30
37 0		5899	6088	1883	4100	7866	2113	3849	0125	9832	**	15
37 0	7918	6109	5904	2127	3891	8145	1877		7. 9864	6.0182	53	0
30	7760 7601	6318	5720 5535	2371 2613	3680	8424 8701	1640 1402	4476	9600 9335	0529		45 30
45		6526 3. 6733	5 5348	4. 2855	$\frac{3468}{6.3255}$	4.8977		4789 5. 5100		0876 $6.1222$		15
38 0		6940	5161	3096	3041	9253	0921	5410	8801	1566	52	0
15	7119	7146	4972	3337	2825	9528	0679	5718	8532	1909		45
30	6956	7351	4783	3576	2609	9801	0435	6026	8261	2251		30
45		7555	4592	3815		5.0074	0190	6333	7988	2592		15
39 0		7759	4400	4052	2172		6.9943	6639	7715	2932	51	0
15		7962	4207	4289	1951	0616	9695	6943	7439	3271		45
30		8165	4014	4525	1730	0886	9446	7247	7162	3608		30
40 0		8366	3819	4761	1507	1155	9196	7550	6884	3944	**	15
15			3623	4995	6 1050	1423 5. 1690	8944 6.8691	7851	6604 7.6323	42 <sup>7</sup> 9 6. 4612	50	0 45
30		8967	3228	5461	0.1033	1956	8437	8450	6041	4945		30
45	5454	9166	3030	5693	0605	2221	8181	8748	5756	5276		15
41 0	5283	9364	2830	5924	0377	2485	7924	9045	5471	5606	49	0
15	5110	9561	2629	6154	0147	2748	7666	9341	5184	5935	0 00	45
30	4937	9757	2427	6383	5.9916	3010	7406	9636	4896	6262		30
42 0	4763	9953	2224	6612	9685	3271	7145	9929	4606	6588	5 8	15
42 0	4589		2020	6839	9452	3530	6883	6.0222	4314	6913	48	0
30		0342	1815	7066	9217	3789	6620	0513	4022	7237		45
45	4 4050	4 0799	1609 5. 1403	4 7510	5 8740	4047 5. 4304	6355	6 1002	3728 7.3432	7559 6. 7880		30
43 0	3881	0920	1195	7740	8508	4560	5822	1380	3135	8200	47	15
15		1111	0986	7963	8270	4815	5553	1666	2837	8518	41	45
30	3522	1301	0776	8185	8030	5068	5284	1952	2537	8835	12	30
45	3342	1491	0565	8406	7789	5321	5013	2236	2236	9151	THE .	15
44 0	3160	1680	0354	8626	7547	5573	4741	2519	1934	9466	46	0
15	2010	1867	0141	8845	7304	5823	4467	2801	1630	9779	1750	45
30	2100		4. 9928	9064	7060	6073	4193	3082	1325	7.0091	1 6	30
45 0		2241	9713	9281	6815	6321	3917	3361	1019	0401		15
40	- 100	2426	9497	9497	6569	6569	3640	3640		0711	45	0
I Vale	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.	Lat.	Dep.		Dep.	Lat.	Cour	rea
1	Dist	. 6.	Dis	1.7.	Dis	t. 8.	Dis	t. 9.	Dis	t. 10.	Coan	.50.

Table 4.—Condensed traverse table for cruising.

De- grees.	Latitude.	Departure.		De- grees.	Latitude.	Departure.	
0	1.000	0.000	90	23	0.920	0.391	67
1	1.000	.017	89 88 87	24	.913	. 497	66
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	.999	. 035	88	25	. 906	. 423	65
3	.999	. 052	87	26	. 899	. 438	64
4	.998	.070	86	27	.891	. 454	63
5	. 996	. 087	85	28	. 883	. 470	62
6	.995	.104	84	29	.875	. 485	61
7	. 992	.122	83	30	. 866	. 500	60
8	.990	. 139	82	31	.857	. 515	59
	.988	. 156	81	32	.848	. 530	58
10	. 985	.174	80	33	. 839	. 545	57
11	. 982	.191	79	34	. 829	. 559	56
12	. 978	. 208	78 77	35	.819	. 574	55
13	. 974	. 225	77	36	. 809	. 588	54
14	.970	. 242	76	37	.799	. 602	53
15	. 966	. 259	75	38	. 788	.616	52
16	. 961	. 276	74	39	.777	. 629	51
17	. 956	. 292	73 72	40	. 766	. 643	50
18	. 951	.309	72	41	.755	. 656	49
19	. 946	. 326	71	42	.743	. 669	48
20	.940	.342	70	43	.731	. 682	47
21	. 934	.358	69	44	.719	. 695	46
22	. 927	.375	68	45	.707	. 707	45
	Departure.	Latitude.	De- grees.		Departure.	Latitude.	De- grees

Table 5.—Surface measuring on slopes.

[Increase of distance to be added to one 66' chain of surface measurement to give one chain of horizontal measurement. Approximate; for use in cruising.]

Slope.	Grade.	Equiva- lent verti- cal angle.	Increase of distance per 66' chain (ex- secant).1
Level	Per cent.	•	Links.
Devel	1 5	3.0	0.1
Gentle		5. 5	.5
	15 20	8. 5 11. 5	$\frac{1.1}{2.0}$
Moderate	30	16.5	4.4
	40	22.0	7.8
Steep	30	26.5	11.7
	60	31.0	16.6
	70	35.0 38.5	22.1 28.0
Very steep	90	42.0	34.6
	100	45.0	41.4

The per cent of grade is determined by grademeter or hypsometer. Vertical angles are read by clinometer, Abney level, or transit. 1 The exsecant is a ratio of links per 100 links (-1 chain), and therefore the figures in this column also show feet per 100 feet, or yards per 100 yards, etc.

### BLAZES AND MARKS ON TREES.

Trees should never be blazed nor marked upon random or trial lines nor upon other preliminary or temporary surveys, where they may be misleading in the future.

A survey line is blazed in order that it may be located or retraced between corners which are at each end of the line. Corners and intersections are witnessed by marks. Thus the ax scars used in surveying may be either blazes or marks, one term being applied to a line and the other to a point. In some books on surveying these terms have been used interchangeably or carelessly, but it is better to make the distinction in the Forest Service, where surveying is done for so many different purposes.

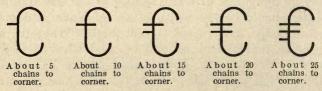
A survey line is blazed in the following manner: Trees which are on the line are blazed fore and back, meaning that the surveyor took a foresight when running toward the tree and a backsight when running away from it, on the same straight line. Such a tree is called a line tree and is spoken of as being line-blazed. Trees standing near the line, within 50 links on either side, are blazed on two sides quartering toward the line.

Blazes for roads need not be permanent because the subsequent construction of the highway fixes the line. Property lines should be permanently blazed—that is, through the bark to the wood, leaving a scar which may be recognized or found as long as the tree stands. Blazes should be the width of an ax blade, about 6 inches long, and placed breast high. When it is probable that the blazes will be used when there is deep snow upon the ground, they should be placed high enough to be seen, or the trees may be given a

second blazing at a higher point after the deep snow renders this convenient.

It is often desirable, as in the case of trails, that Forest Service blazes should be distinguished from land office blazes or from private surveys, and, therefore, a distinctive blaze has been adopted for the Forest Service. This is the width of an ax blade, about 6 inches long, with a horizontal notch at the top of the scar.

The Forest Service has also adopted a distinctive mark to indicate the intersection of one of its lines with a land office line and to show the approximate distance to the nearest land office corner. Thus, when a road or trail crosses a section line a tree may be marked in such a manner that any Forest officer may recognize it, and will know the direction and approximate distance to the nearest section or quartersection corner. This mark is made in the following manner: A tree near the point of intersection is barked to the wood, about 8 by 10 inches, on the side facing the corner. A letter C with horizontal crossbars is then scribed upon the scar. A horizontal bar will indicate that the distance to the corner is about 10 chains, and each half bar will indicate a distance of about 5 chains. For example, the intersection marks may read as follows:



It will sometimes happen that an intersection tree can not be marked facing the corner and at the same time have the mark visible from the trail or road. In such cases the mark will face the corner and an  $\times$  will be cut, through the bark, on the side toward the highway. The letter  $\times$  is a recognized symbol, indicating the crossing of lines or to indicate that a trail crosses a stream at this point. It is often useful in the latter case when there is snow on the ground, as it shows that the stream must be forded, and that the trail will be found on the other side. It will, therefore, be used for both purposes mentioned, and its meaning will never be misunderstood. The letter  $\times$  is often used to indicate that the trail forks at this point, and is useful when there is snow upon the ground.

It will frequently happen that a land-office corner will be accidentally found, and the distance from it to the point of intersection will be immediately determined by pacing. This is sufficiently accurate to warrant the marking of an intersection witness tree, as stated above, as the distance is only presumed to be approximate. Whether the line is paced or measured, the ranger will make a record in his notebook, describing the land-office corner and the distance to the intersection, and the marks which he placed at that point. The following is a specimen of such a record:

#### SPECIMEN RECORD.

October 4, 1912, 10 a. m. I found the quarter-corner between sections 15 and 16, T. 8 N., R. 21 W. Both witness trees were standing, but the stake had fallen over. The rotted point was found in the ground and I reset the stake above it, placing a mound of stones about it to hold it in position. From this corner I paced south, following the original blazes, 23 chains, to the intersection

of the new Forest Service trail between Wild Cat Ranger Station and Alta Lookout Point. Established for witness red fir 20 inches in diameter, on north side of trail, 40 links distant from intersection, marked € on north side and X on south side.

October 4, 6 p. m. Made a record of the above information on the atlas sheet.

JOHN R. UNDERWOOD,

Ranger.

It is important that any geographic information which may be used to correct the atlas sheets, and thus lead to the preparation of accurate forest maps, should be placed upon the sheets which are kept for that purpose by each forest officer. All of such corrections or additional data should be transmitted to the supervisor as he may require them, but certainly in ample time for him to include them in the corrected folio which he sends to the Forester on February 1 of each year.

Other marks used by the Forest Service are described under "Ranger station surveys" and "Forest home-

stead surveys."

FIELD NOTES.

Notes of survey should show exactly what was done in the field, including the errors of courses or measurements. In resurveying lines, it is no reflection on the survey party if it does not "check up" exactly, but it is rather expected that a trial or "random line" will not strike a corner nor the measurement prove exactly as "returned" by the original surveyor. It is important, however, to know what the error or difference is discovered to be.

When a notebook contains the field notes of only one survey, the purpose of which the survey was made should be plainly marked on the cover as well as on the first page. If it contains the notes of more than one survey, the title of a survey should be written at the top of each page, and the book should be indexed on the first page. Each book should be numbered and paged. When the notes for a survey do not follow in regular order in a notebook be sure to refer to the page where the continuation can be found and at that point refer back by page number to the former notes.

It is a good plan to make numerous explanatory sketches on the right-hand pages of the notebooks, leaving nothing to the memory, and particularly the direction of the flow of streams should be shown by arrows. If the surveyor will always imagine that he might stop work at any moment, and some one else may be obliged to continue the survey, and will keep his notes so clearly that this would be easy, then they are apt to be a reiable record. Never erase notes—cross them out and mark them "abandoned."

Field notes should never be crowded into a notebook or be written as a continuous recital, but should be tabulated clearly that they may be readily platted by any surveyor or draftsman. A good form for keeping notes is here shown.

# SPECIMEN NOTES.

...... National Forest.

Resurvey of east boundary of sec. 24, T. 19 N., R. 14 E.

June 16, 1912.

Weather clear.

I corrected both aneroids at the benchmark at . . . . which has an elevation of . . . . ft.

Made camp 5.30 p. m. Sec. 24, T. 19 N., R. 14 E.

7 p. m. Camp barometer reads 4,850'. Field barometer reads 4,860'.

At 9 p. m. observed *Polaris* and find the variation at camp to be 19° east.

Resurvey of east boundary of sec. 24, T. 19 N., R. 14 E., in

June 17, 1912. Weather clear.

7 a. m. Camp barometer 4,850'. Field barometer 4,860'.

, and a series of the series o	,
the National Forest. The original survey was	
1872, with variation 18½° east. Allowing for the reported	d increase,
the variation should be about 19° 05'.	Elev.
From the southeast corner of sec. 24	4,780'
Ran north, var. 19° east.	
10.00 ch. near 36" yellow pine	4,720'
20.00 in thicket of firs	4, 680'
24. 50 creek, 4 links wide, flows SW	4,660
30.00 at foot of steep slope	
40.00 on steep sidehill, SE	4, 920
40.23 to a point 15 links west of 1 corner on east s	
sec. 24.	
On this line the original blazes w	ere
almost obliterated, and I made n	iew
blazes.	
From the 4 corner on east side of sec. 24.	
Ran north, var. 19° east.	
10. 00 ch. enter burned area	5, 050'
13. 60 top of hill NE. and SW	5, 120'
From this point I take vertical angles on some high point	nts
in unsurveyed T. 19 N., R. 15 E., as follows:	Elev
N. 24½ E. 3 miles, vertical angle 1½°	
N. 37½ E. 2½ miles, vertical angle ½°	
T 000 T 0 '1 1 1 120	

N. 89 $^{\circ}$  E. ? miles, vertical angle  $1_{4}^{2}$  $^{\circ}$ ... S. 43 $_{2}^{1}$  E. 4 miles, vertical angle  $1^{\circ}$ ... 5, 503 $^{\prime}$  S. 10 $^{\circ}$  E. 3 $_{4}^{1}$  miles, vertical angle  $_{4}^{2}$  $^{\circ}$ ... 5, 355 $^{\prime}$ 

7 p. m. Camp barometer, 4,870'. Field barometer, 4,880'.

# FIELD NOTES.

OF THE

ROAD, STREAM, OR SUMMIT MEANDERS EGE OF

The method of keeping meander notes differs from the above. Each course begins a new tally, and any intermediate distances are entered in a third column. The second column may then be added to determine the total distance surveyed, viz:

...... National Forest.

Meanders in unsurveyed T. 19 N., R. 15 E.

June 18, 1912. Weather cloudy

7 a. m. Camp barometer, 4,880'. Field barometer, 4,890'.	
From a point 13.60 ch. north of \( \frac{1}{4} \) cor. on the east side	of
sec. 24.	
Ran along summit, var. 19° east.	
N. 24 E. 9.00 ch. at 6.00 leave burn	0'
N. 39½ E. 17.50 at 3.00 trail N. and S 5, 12	5'
N. 48½ E. 11.20	5'
S. 86 E. 14.60 highest point on summit	0'
At this point the summit divides; one branch bear-	
ing SE, and the other SW.	
Continuing the meanders:	
Ran down gulch, between the two divides.	
Var. 19° east.	
N. 89 E. 18.00 ch. spring	0'
N. 75 E. 15.00 meadow, 2 acres	5'
S. 83 E. 4.00 falls, 10 feet	5'
N. 80 E. 22.20 at 18.00 small tributary from the south . 4,90	0'
N. 86 E. 9.00 at 2.30 the notice of the Morning Star	
mining claim bears S. 1.50; at 3.40	
mining cabin	5

etc., etc.

Table 6.—Difference of altitude between the "station" occupied by the surveyor, of which the altitude is known, and a higher distant object whose altitude is desired.

(Difference of altitude in feet-add to station altitude.)

Verti- cal			4)	Distar	ice to ol	oject, in	miles.		1	
angle above a level line.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0°00′	5	7	10	14	19	25	33	41	51	62
15	28	53	79	106	134	163	194	225	258	292
30	51	99	148	198	249	301	356	410	466	523
45	74	145	217	290	365	440	517	594	673	753
1°00′	97	191	286	383	480	578	678	778	880	984
15	120	237	356	475	595	716	839	963	1,088	1,214
30	143	283	425	567	710	855	1,001	1,147	1,295	1,445
45	166	330	494	659	826	993	1,162	1,332	1,503	1,675
2°00'	189	376	563	752	941	1,131	1,324	1,516	1,710	1,906
15	212	422	632	844	1,056	1,270	1,485	1,701	1,918	2,137
30	235	468	702	936	1,172	1,408	1,647	1,885	2,126	2,367
45	259	514	771	1,028	1,287	1,547	1,808	2,070	2,334	2,598
3°00′	282	560	840	1,121	1,403	1,685	1,970	2,255	2,541	2,829
15	305	607	909	1,213	1,518	1,824	2,132	2,440	2,749	3,060
30	328	653	979	1,306	1,634	1,963	2,294	2,625	2,957	3,291
45	351	699	1,048	1,398	1,749	2,101	2,455	2,810	3,166	3,523
4°00′	374	745	1,118	1,491	1,865	2,240	2,617	2,995	3,374	3,754
15	397	792	1,187	1,583	1,981	2,379	2,780	3,180	3,582	3,986
30	420	838	1,257	1,676	2,097	2,518	2,942	3,365	3,791	4,217
45	444	884	1,326	1,769	2,213	2,657	3,104	3,551	4,000	4,449
5°00′	467	931	1,396	1,862	2,329	2,797	3, 267	3,737	4, 208	4,681
15	490	977	1,466	1,955	2,445	2,936	3, 429	3,922	4, 418	4,914
30	513	1,024	1,535	2,048	2,561	3,075	3, 592	4,108	4, 627	5,146
45	537	1,070	1,605	2,141	2,677	3,215	3, 755	4,294	4, 836	5,379
6°00′	560	1,117	1,675	2,234	2,794	3,355	3,918	4, 481	5,046	5,612
15	583	1,164	1,745	2,327	2,910	3,495	4,081	4, 667	5,255	5,845
30	607	1,210	1,815	2,420	3,027	3,634	4,244	4, 854	5,465	6,078
45	630	1,257	1,885	2,514	3,144	3,775	4,407	5, 040	5,675	6,311
7°00′	653	1,304	1,955	2,607	3,261	3,915	4,571	5, 227	5,886	6,545
15	677	1,350	2,025	2,701	3,378	4,055	4,735	5, 415	6,096	6,779
30	700	1,397	2,095	2,795	3,595	4,196	4,899	5, 602	6,307	7,013
45	724	1,444	2,166	2,888	3,612	4,337	5,063	5, 790	6,518	7,248
8°00′	747	1,491	2,236	2,982	3,729	4, 477	5,227	5,977	6,729	7,483
15	771	1,538	2,307	3,076	3,847	4, 618	5,392	6,166	6,941	7,718
30	794	1,585	2,377	3,170	3,964	4, 760	5,557	6,354	7,153	7,953
45	818	1,632	2,448	3,265	4,082	4, 901	5,722	6,542	7,365	8,189

Table 6.—Difference of altitude between the "station" occupied by the surveyor, of which the altitude is known, and a higher distant object whose altitude is desired—Continued.

[Difference of altitude in feet-add to station altitude.]

Verti-				Distar	ice to ol	oject, in	miles.			
angle above a level line.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9°00′ 15 30 45	841 865 889 912	1,680 1,727 1,774 1,821	2,519 2,590 2,661 2,732	3,359 3,454 3,548 3,643	4,200 4,319 4,437 4,556	5,043 5,185 5,327 5,469	5,887 6,053 6,218 6,384	6,731 6,920 7,109 7,299	7,577 7,790 8,003 8,217	8, 425 8, 661 8, 895 9, 135
10°00′ 15 30 45	936 960 984 1,007	1,869 1,917 1,964 2,012	2,803 2,874 2,946 3,017	3,738 3,833 3,928 4,024	4,674 4,793 4,912 5,031	5,611 5,754 5,897 6,040	6,550 6,717 6,883 7,050	7,489 7,679 7,870 8,061	8,430 8,644 8,858 9,073	9, 372 9, 610 9, 848 10, 083
11°00′ 15 30 45	1,031 1,055 1,079 1,103	2,060 2,108 2,155 2,204	3,089 3,161 3,233 3,305	4,119 4,215 4,311 4,407	5,151 5,270 5,390 5,510	6,183 6,327 6,470 6,615	7,217 7,385 7,553 7,721	8,252 8,443 8,635 8,827	9,288 9,504 9,719 9,935	
12°00′ 15 30 45	1,127 1,151 1,176 1,200	2,252 2,300 2,348 2,397	3,377 3,449 3,522 3,594	4,503 4,600 4,696 4,793	5,631 5,751 5,872 5,993	6,759 6,904 7,048 7,194	7,839 8,058 8,227 8,396	9,019 9,212 9,405 9,599		
13°00′ 15 30 45	1,224 1,248 1,273 1,297	2,445 2,494 2,542 2,591	3,667 3,740 3,813 3,886	4,890 4,987 5,084 5,182	6,114 6,235 6,857 6,479	7,339 7,485 7,631 7,777	8,566 8,736 8,906 9,077			
14°00′ 15 30 45	1,321 1,346 1,371 1,395	2,640 2,689 2,738 2,787	3,959 4,033 4,107 4,180	5,280 5,378 5,476 5,574	6,601 6,724 6,847 6,970	7,924 8,071 8,218 8,366				
15°00′ 15 30 45	1,420 1,444 1,469 1,494	2,837 2,886 2,935 2,985	4, 254 4, 327 4, 402 4, 477	5,673 5,771 5,870 5,970	7,093 7,216 7,339 7,463					

This table is corrected for earth curvature, refraction, and the height of the instrument used at the station  $(4\frac{1}{2}$  feet).

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### ELEVATIONS FROM VERTICAL ANGLES.

When the distance to a mountain or other object is known its elevation above the surveyor may be determined. A vertical angle is measured with a clinometer or clinometer-compass, and the difference in elevation can be determined from the table. Information of this character assists greatly in the preparation of a map, and this method should be used when a peak is inaccessible or not likely to be occupied during the present survey. If both the distance and elevation of a peak are known, and the surveyor desires the elevation of the station which he is then occupying, this process is easily reversed. The table is prepared to miles of distance, and if intermediate fractional miles are needed the ratio may be interpolated.

The method of determining the distance of a peak or other salient topographic point is illustrated in the various plane-table methods. If compass sights are taken from two or more known points the intersections may be platted with a protractor or computed.<sup>1</sup>

Then:

 $\frac{\text{Distance } AB \times \text{sine of angle } B}{\text{Sine of angle } C} = \text{distance } AC$ 

Or:

 $\frac{\text{Distance } AB \times \text{sine of angle } A}{\text{Sine of angle } C} = \text{distance } BC$ 

The traverse table, distance 1, being the same as a table of natural cosines and sines, may be used to change a slope measurement to a horizontal measurement, and also get the difference in elevation. Thus a distance of 10.00 chains up or down a 7° slope would represent 9.92 chains on the level, and 1.22 chains rise or fall. The same method is used in reducing stadia measurements.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  The following is the method of computing the sides of a triangle when two angles and one side are known: The angle opposite the known side is equal to  $180^{\circ}$  minus the sum of the two known angles. The sine of an angle is the same as its departure (in the traverse table) for distance 1.  $\boldsymbol{A}$  and  $\boldsymbol{B}$  represent the two known angles and their distance apart;  $\boldsymbol{C}$  is the opposite angle:

### TYING IN.

It is frequently necessary to make surveys of ranger stations or for timber sales in areas which have not been previously surveyed or mapped. It is imperative that some connection should be surveyed between the nearest or most convenient established point and the initial point of the survey which is to be made. Otherwise the survey will not determine the location of the area under consideration. The nature of the country and the distance necessary to be run will suggest which of the following methods may be employed:

(1) Measure a line north, south, east, or west to intersect a Government survey line. Then tie to the nearest corner, quarter corner, meander corner, milepost, grant corner, or other point which is of official record.

(2) Or run a traverse (meander) over a road, trail, open or easy country to such points.

(3) Or if no land office surveys have been made nearer than, say, 5 miles, but there is a Geological Survey sheet, then tie to a bench mark, triangulation station, forks of a road, forks of a stream which has not changed its bed, or a house which is shown on the sheet. Accompany your report with a tracing or description which will show unmistakably the point used. If you tie to a mineral monument or to some corner of a patented mining claim, give a clear description.

(4.) Or if no official surveys have been made within practicable distance, proceed as follows: Establish and witness a permanent monument, marked F S M. This may be at the initial point of your survey. From

this point run a traverse to some outlook where compass or plane-table bearings may be taken on a number of peaks or other definite landmarks which may be visible. Give their estimated distances. State approximately what unsurveyed section the land would be in, or its latitude and longitude. The map accompanying such a survey should show any divide, stream, or trail in the immediate vicinity, and particularly the name of the watershed.

# RANGER STATION SURVEYS.

When the lands have been surveyed by the General Land Office and the corners can be located, the plat only need be submitted, showing the subdivisions desired for a ranger station. Where lots occur their numbers should be shown on the plat. No other description is necessary. The determination of the correct subdivisions must not be left to conjecture. The land office corners should be located and the necessary lines carefully run in every case when there is the least doubt as to what forties or tens should be recommended for withdrawal.

When the lands are unsurveyed, or the corners of the Government survey can not be located, the actual boundary lines must be surveyed and marked, and field notes, description, and a plat must be prepared, all in accordance with the following instructions:

Three kinds of permanent points of identification will be established-Forest Service Monuments, to which the ranger station surveys, and possibly future homestead or timber surveys, will be tied by bearing and distance; corners, which will be set up at each angle in the boundary; and witnesses, to which, whenever possible, each monument and corner will be tied.

Forest Service Monuments.—The object of these monuments is explained under the subject "Tying in." They will be similar to the mineral monuments of a mining district. They should, if possible, be immovable and durable, and easy to locate at any future time from the field notes of the survey. A large bowlder or a built-up stone monument will serve the purpose, or a sound tree of long-lived species. Where there are no trees a wooden post may be used. Monuments will be marked F S M The witnesses for a monument should be permanent objects from which at least two cross bearings can be taken to locate the monument in the future if necessary. They will be

 $\begin{array}{c} \operatorname{marked} \ {\overset{M}{\mathsf{W}}} \end{array}$ 

At each angle in the boundary of a ranger station a durable corner will be established similar to those of the land-office surveys. Each corner post or stone will be marked near its top with the letter R and below this the number of the angle at which the corner is set, beginning with the initial post as number 1 and counting on in regular sequence around the boundary in the direction of the survey. Thus the monu-

ment of the third corner will be marked  $^{R}_{3}$ 

At least two witnesses will be made near each corner, and will be marked with the letter W and the number of the corner, thus:

If the monument is established at the initial point of a survey, and is therefore also corner number 1, it will bear both monument and corner markings, thus:  $F \mathrel{S} \mathrel{M} \mathrel{\stackrel{R}{1}}$  The witnesses will then bear the letters  $\mathrel{M} \mathrel{W}$ 

The surveyor will depend largely on his common sense and skill in selecting trees or prominent rocks in the best positions for witnesses. Frequently the corners can be established near good witnesses without diminishing the value of the station. Usually the witnesses should not be more than 3 chains from a corner—the nearer the better, but they should be inside the boundary if possible.

Where the boundary line of the ranger station passes through timber, the line should be plainly blazed in

the manner described on page 41.

with the figure 1 beneath, thus: W

The instructions regarding field notes (p. 44) must be followed. A good form for keeping them is here shown:

### SPECIMEN NOTES.

...... National Forest.

WILDCAT RANGER STATION.

T. 25 N., R. 8 E., Section ...., Meridian. Number .... List .... Area, 33.63 acres.

June 15, 1912.

Weather cloudy.

Variation.—This survey was made with a Forest Service standard compass. Variation, 11° 30′ E., was obtained by retracement of east line of Section 36, T. 25 N., R. 7 E. The local land office recommends using a variation of 11° to 11° 40′ in this vicinity.

Forest Service Monument.—Consists of a bowlder  $7'\times 6'\times 3'$  above ground, situated on the left bank of Wildcat Creek, 7 chains downstream from the juncture of the north and east forks, 70 links from the water's edge, at right angles to the stream. FSM cut on the

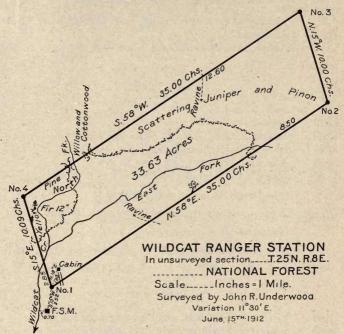


Fig. 11.—Ranger station plat.

highest point of the rock, whence a yellow pine 16 inches in diameter bears N. 16° E., 73 links distant, marked  $_{\rm W}^{\rm M}$  in blaze. Lyon Mountain bears S. 31° 30′ W. Tiger Mountain bears N. 28° 30′ W. Rock ledge bears S. 54° W., 47 links distant, marked  $_{\rm W}^{\rm M}$ 

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Beginning at corner No. 1, a limestone 30" $\times$ 9" $\times$ 5" set in mound of stones and chiseled  ${R \atop 1}$ 

Forest Service Monument above described bears S. 13° W., 252 links distant.

The SW. corner of the ranger's cabin, built in 1905, bears N. 18° E., 180 links distant.

A yellow pine, 12 inches diameter, bears east, 298 links distant marked W

### Thence N. 58° E.

1.20 chs. road, N. and S.

12.40 ravine, course NW.

17.80 leaning scrubby pinon 16 inches diameter.

25.00 enter scattering juniper and pinon.

26.50 East Fork Wildcat Creek flows N. 89° W.

35.00 corner No. 2, a juniper post  $5' \times 4'' \times 4''$  in mound of gravel and earth, at foot of slope, marked  $\begin{array}{c} R \\ 2 \end{array}$ 

A pinon, 8 inches diameter, bears north 10 links distant, marked W

A granite bowlder, 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet above ground, bears S. 82° E., 223 links distant, marked W

# Thence N. 15° W.

2.00 ascend slope, through small scrubby pinon.

10.00 corner No. 3, a limestone  $3'' \times 7'' \times 26''$  in mound of stone, marked  $\frac{R}{3}$  on SW. slope of a hill, about 150 feet above the ranger cabin.

Chimney of cabin bears S. 45° 30' W.

No suitable witness objects within 3.00 chains.

### Thence S. 58° W.

(There is evidently local attraction at this point, since my backsight reading is S. 14° E. The compass needle therefore reads S. 59° W. on this course.) Running down slope.

12.60 ravine, course south.

26.80 foot of slope. Leave pinon, enter willows and cottonwood.

28.53 cross north fork of Wildcat Creek, flows S. 18° E.

29.00 enter open yellow pine timber.

35.00 corner No. 4. A stake of pine heartwood in mound of earth, marked R 4

A yellow pine, 2 feet in diameter, bears N. 14° E., 18 links distant, marked W/4

A fir, 12 inches diameter, standing on right bank of north fork of Wildcat Creek, bears S. 42° 30′ E., 134 links distant, marked W 4

(As my backsight reading is now N. 58° E., I conclude that there is no local attraction at this point.)

# Thence S. 15° E.

through open pine timber.

2.96 pine tree 2½ feet in diameter.

5.00 leave pine timber.

7.24 cross Wildcat Creek flows S. 23° W.

10.09 corner No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 33.63 acres of land, be the same more or less.

JOHN R. UNDERWOOD,

Ranger Surveyor.

Field notes and plat compared and approved by—

GEORGE A. OVERMAN,

Supervisor.

# FOREST HOMESTEAD SURVEYS.

These surveys will be made in the same manner as those for ranger stations, but to avoid some confusion and to distinguish them the following system of marks should be used:

Forest Service monuments, which are established for homestead surveys, will be marked F S M H Witnesses for these monuments will be marked M H Corners will be marked with H and the number of the corner, thus: H and a witness to the same corner will be H W When a monument is also the initial point of the survey, and is therefore also corner number 1 it will bear both marks, thus: F S M H

If a F S M is subsequently used as a tie for a forest homestead survey its original marks will not be changed. In like manner a F S M H may be used as a tie for a ranger station or other subsequent survey without changing the original marks. The field notes will, of course, show unmistakably what tie was used.

The type of cover of the land must be clearly shown on the map accompanying the reports. For this purpose Forest Atlas Legend crayons or color tints will be used

The establishment of corners will not be required where it can be conclusively shown in a written report that listing of the land should be denied.

The surveyor should be thoroughly familiar with the instructions under the act of June 11, 1906. Attention

is also called to the circular of the General Land Office, September 7, 1906, "Regulations Governing Entries within Forest Reserves."

A cooperative agreement between the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, dated September 19, 1911, to avoid duplication or unnecessary work in surveying forest homestead claims, provides that instead of two surveys, as heretofore required, there shall be but one survey, and that it may be made by a forest officer, designated by and acting under the direction of the surveyor general, "who will exercise supervision in every case as to the manner of the execution of the survey with reference to the running of lines and the establishment of monuments to mark the same."

Such surveys are for the approval of the surveyor general and acceptance by the General Land Office. The instructions of the surveyor general will be followed in these cases, even though they conflict entirely or in part with the methods of the Forest Service.

# TRAIL SURVEYS.

In surveying for railways, roads, or trails, the vertical deflection of the line is always expressed in per cent. Thus, a 5 per cent grade means a rise of 5 feet in 100 feet of horizontal distance. The horizontal deflection of the line is always expressed in degrees. Thus, a railway may have a 3° curve, which is a horizontal deflection of 3° in 100 feet, from chord to chord, or a road may have a change in direction of 3° at the junction of two courses. Percentage of grade and degrees of azimuth should never be confounded, as very serious errors will result. The terms are never interchangeable.

The most important thing about a trail is its grade. Any other feature of its construction may be improved from month to month or from year to year, but if the grade is not properly established it must in time be abandoned. Thus, not only may time and money be wasted, but the trail, while in use, would be unsatisfactory. On the other hand, if the grade is properly located, the trail will be useful as soon as it is passable.

The best gradient between any two points is upon a line which would have the same percentage of rise from beginning to end. Often there are "salient points" along the route, above or below which the grade must run, and we must then think of the line as divided into parts, each with its own percentage of rise between these salient points. If an even gradient is also a low gradient, it is unquestionably the proper location for the trail if construction is practicable. The same is true if the gradient is on the most direct and practical route and is below the maximum for trails.

Reverse grades should be avoided if possible. This means that we should never go downhill when the object is to go uphill, as this obviously increases the elevation to be climbed, and therefore increases the grade upon the ascending portions of the trail.

There are three maxima grades for trail construction. These are: 6 per cent, 12 per cent, and 18 cer cent. Being multiples of 6, these are easy to remember, as are also the reasons for having several maxima. A good grade, having a maximum of 6 per cent, may later be developed into a first-class road or turnpike. Such a grade might be called, for convenience, a turnpike

grade. The surveyor should try his very best to get the trail upon a turnpike grade, but if this is obviously impracticable, he should keep the grade as low as possible, and not exceed 12 per cent. This is the limit for safe mountain roads such as are used for freighting, and might properly be called a freight grade. When trails must be constructed upon grades steeper than this, or to places which roads can not reach for many years, it is simply a case of making the best location the circumstances permit. However, there is still the final limit which should not be exceeded. This is the trail grade of 18 per cent, and is as steep as a loaded pack animal can ascend without violent and exhaustive effort. Long steep grades should have breaks at intervals where animals may rest and recover.

In deciding on a route or location, the following points should be considered.

- (1) A south exposure has less snow, is dryer, often more open, and has an increased fire hazard.
- (2) Slide rock and other unstable material make a temporary or dangerous tread.
- (3) Steep side hills, near the angle of repose, are liable to landslides or snowslides.
- (4) Bridges and temporary structures should be avoided as far as possible.
- (5) The permanence of a trail depends on the material and its drainage.

It will be seen from the above that the location of a trail grade is almost wholly a matter of experience and good judgment.

The aneroid barometer is often used to determine the distance in elevation between the ends of the proposed trail, and the approximate distance may be determined by pacing. This furnishes a preliminary reconnaissance. A "trial" or "random" line may then be run from one end of the proposed line to the other on the approximate average grade, which has been determined by reconnaissance. This may be done by a grademeter, an Abney level, or a Locke level.

The grademeter is used as described on page 29. As the circular pendulum is graduated to tangents it may be used to line in the grade to any desired per cent, either uphill or downhill. It is unnecessary to consider the matter of distance, because grade, as thus meas-

ured, is an absolute quantity in itself.

The Abney level is used in a similar manner, but it contains no swinging pendulum, and must be set to the desired grade before the sight is taken to the instrument. Some of the Abney levels are graduated to degrees; others to degrees and slopes, in the proportion of 1:1 and 1:10; others have graduations for per cent. This has led to some confusion, and some bad construction has resulted. Care should be used to apply only the per cent when this instrument is in use on trails.

The Locke level is a simple hand level which does not sight either uphill or downhill; it is used by sending an assistant ahead with a pole, upon which sights are taken through the barrel of the level. Allowance must be made for the height of the surveyor's eye above the ground. Thus, if his eye is 5 feet above the ground he can fix the location of a 5 per cent grade by working

uphill and taking a sight on the ground at a point 100 feet distant, or by sighting downhill at the top of a pole which is 10 feet high and 100 feet distant.

For running different gradients, of course the height of the surveyor's eye remains the same, and the length of the sight is changed according to the grade. Thus, a sight on a 10-foot pole, looking downhill, in a distance of 50 feet, would give a 10 per cent grade; and a sight, uphill, on the ground at a distance of 50 feet, would give a 10 per cent grade, still assuming the height of the surveyor's eye to be 5 feet. In the same manner, if the sights, both uphill and downhill, were 200 feet, the grade would then be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

The use of these instruments is to some extent a mat-

ter of individual preference.

In the large majority of cases the grade should be located by a downhill survey. This is always the case when a pass or saddle is the salient high point. When the grade connects two salient points the location may be run in either direction. The alignment of the trail, or its meanders, may be determined by a compass survey after the trail is constructed. It is a matter of secondary importance and should be given no consideration if it takes any time which might have been spent in getting the best possible grade. The importance of alignment should not be entirely overlooked, however, and where two or more routes would give equally satisfactory grades, then the one should be chosen which will have the most favorable alignment, together with shortness of distance, and which will require the least number of bridges and culverts, and in other respects afford the most favorable conditions for construction.

# PLATTING THE SURVEY.

When a plane table is used, the survey and platting progress together, but if other methods are used it is necessary to "plat" the notes. This should be done on the prescribed forms, using one of the standard scales which are described on page 66. Be sure that the plat shows the scale, as well as "what it is, where it is, who made it, and the date." If the plat does not "close." throw the error into the sides or angles which are most liable to be inaccurate on account of difficulties in the field work. If local attraction was encountered at one corner the error is likely to be in that angle. If offsets were made, or very rough or steep country traversed on one side, the mistake is probably in the chaining of that side. An error of one link to the chain is allowable. If a larger error appears in platting, the field work must be repeated.

# MAP MAKING IN THE FIELD.

After the salient points of the topography have been located by plane table, and the roads, streams, or summits have been traversed by compass surveys, it remains for the surveyor to sketch in the contours. Some of this may be done when the peaks are located and when the distances are chained, and the result is a skeleton map upon which it remains to fill in the balance by the eye. This is a matter of practice. It is an excellent plan to learn to read contour maps, such as are published by the Geological Survey, and the student should provide himself with a topographic sheet of some region with which he is well acquainted and learn to

identify the relief with its contours. When this is mastered a good contour map will be almost as graphic as a miniature model of the country.

In sketching contours it is of great assistance to imagine the sea level raised. Thus, if the 5,000-foot contour is being sketched, we may imagine that the salt waters of the earth are raised 5,000 feet higher than they now are. It is evident that the true contour would follow the shore line which is thus imagined and that bays and harbors, islands, straits, etc., would result. It is evident that contour lines can not cross each other or themselves and that they must connect somewhere, either on the map which is being prepared or in some other region.

The contour map, when thus prepared, is only a base map for other data to be collected for the Forest Service. Some of this data may be collected as the survey proceeds, such as the classification of the land, timber, woodland, barren, etc., or the composition and stand of a forest. When the plane-table map is being made in the field, the paper is necessarily covered with pencil notes and lines which give the names of points, elevations, directions, etc. There is no need to encumber this map with other figures or names which may be confusing or lead to error. A better plan is to cover the map with a piece of tracing cloth, with the dull side up, which may be thumb-tacked along one side only, that it may hang back out of the way when work is being done on the base map. On this the burns, windfalls, barren areas, or stand may be sketched either in black or with colored crayons without smearing the base

map or obliterating any of its topographic data. Some salient points on the base map should be copied on the tracing cloth so that the two may be registered at any time, for the paper may shrink or the cloth may stretch.

# THE FOREST ATLAS.

The Forest Atlas at Washington is the central depository for maps, diagrams, statistics, and history of the National Forests and forestry in general throughout the world. Its most important division is that of maps, and the most important maps are those of the National Forests.

The Forest Atlas now comprises 190 volumes, containing sheets exactly 18 by 21 inches. They are bound in loose-leaf holders in two ways. Standard binders have the binding margin on the 21-inch side, while township binders have the binding margin on the 18-inch side. No map is made on a sheet less than 18 by 21 inches, and larger maps are made on two or more sheets which are always numbered from west to east beginning at the northwest corner. Borders are omitted. The title consists only of the name of the forest or the number of the township. The top of the map is always north. A binding edge of at least  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches is always left blank on the west or left-hand side of each sheet.

The standard scale of the Forest Atlas is 1 inch to 1 mile, and the National Forests have been practically covered by atlas sheets according to this standard. Whenever, in special cases, a larger or smaller scale is necessary for the preparation of any map in the Forest Service, it must sustain the simple relation of  $\times$  2

or  $\div$  2. Thus the scale may be 2 inches, 4 inches, or 8 inches to 1 mile; or  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, or  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch to 1 mile. Under no circumstances will sheets be prepared for the Forest Atlas on the ratio of 3, 5, 7, etc. The scale of township plats is 2 inches to 1 mile, because that scale was adopted by the General Land Office, from which the plats were procured.

The Atlas sheets which cover a National Forest are called a *folio* and are assembled, with a *legend page*, in a paper *cover*, on which is printed an *index diagram* show-

ing the number of the sheets.

In the office of each district forester is a *District Atlas* consisting of 20 or more volumes, containing duplicate sheets of the Forest Atlas covering the area of the district. Whenever Forest Atlas folios have been duplicated by photolithography or otherwise for a National Forest, the officers have been supplied with copies, but under no circumstances are copies of any atlas folio to be sold or given away. They are strictly for the use of forest officers in the administration of the National Forests. Copies for distribution are not published.

Forest Supervisors are supplied by the property clerk with binders for Forest Atlas folios, having the binding margin on the 21-inch side, and also with binders for Land Office township plats, having the binding margin

on the 18-inch side.

The folios are the "mother maps" which furnish the bases from which further map making will proceed in the Forest Service. They correspond to the mother maps of other countries in this respect—that they are compiled from official data upon a standard scale, 1

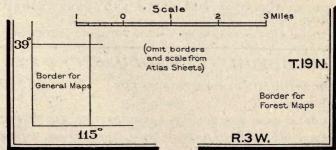
inch to 1 mile,¹ and upon a uniform legend. They are not always sufficiently accurate for forest work, and the sheets must, therefore, be corrected whenever new data have been obtained in the field. The manner of correcting sheets is shown on the ''dummy Atlas sheet,'' which has been issued to forest officers. The method is that used by printers in correcting proof. Bold lines should be drawn to the margin of the sheet and explanatory notes written clearly. Do not make neat corrections without the marginal note, or it will not be apparent that the sheet has been corrected. Do not write letters or memoranda telling how a sheet should be corrected. Do it yourself. Do not be afraid to mark up any sheet because it is beautifully engraved or colored. Your corrections will make it more valuable.

New data obtained by reconnaissance is usually mapped on a scale of 2 inches or 4 inches to 1 mile. Such data should not be redrawn to the standard Atlas scale in the field. The reconnaissance tracings should be sent to Washington with a requisition, Form 988, for photoreduction. For this and other reasons reconnaissance tracings and other base maps should be drawn with black ink only, and should show only the drainage, contour, culture, and land lines. Other data, such as classification, forest or grazing types, or administration districts, can be shown by appropriate colors upon two or more prints. By this method the tracing remains a record which is subject to very little change,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The mother maps of Great Britain and India are on the same scale as the Forest Atlas standard. Those of France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, and Sweden are nearly the same, 1½ inches to the mile. Those of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Norway, Bulgaria, Hungary, Russia, and Portugal are on smaller scales; those of Germany, Belgium, Denmark, and the Netherlands are on larger scales.

#### CONVENTIONAL SIGNS





### LETTERING.

# ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

(topography)

UPPER CASE USED FOR TITLES MOUNTAIN RANGES, STATE NAMES, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE NUMBERS, GRANTS, AND RESERVATIONS, ALPHANUMERIC SYMBOLS.

Upper and Lower Case for Peaks, Valleys, Islands, Capes, etc., Meridians and Parallels, Legends and Scales.

# A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z abcdefghijk l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

(culture)

UPPER CASE FOR RAILROADS, ROADS, TELEPHONE LINES, AND OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

Upper and Lower Case for Other Culture.

# ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

(settlement)

UPPER CASE FOR CITIES, STATE, AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

Upper and Lower Case for Towns, Villages, Post Offices.

## ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 123456789

(water)

UPPER CASE FOR OCEANS, LARGE RIVERS, LAKES, ETC.

Upper and Lower Case for Small Rivers, Creeks, Springs, Marshes, Glaciers, Canals, Ditches, etc.

and is not obscured by data which is of special rather than general value. The first reconnaissance of any area should include the drainage and contour, otherwise it will not be possible to "register" a second or supplemental reconnaissance with it.

General maps, showing an entire Forest or region are compiled at Washington from data on the corrected Atlas sheets, and are issued for the use of forest officers. The usual process is photolithography. Every request for the issuance of a map should be submitted to the Forester with a recommendation regarding the data to be shown or omitted, scale, kind of paper, and number of copies required. Any project for the issuance of a "three-color map" with blue drainage, brown contours, and black culture should be taken up by correspondence with the Forester before the final tracings are prepared, in order that the manuscript may be in good shape for the engraver.

The Forest Atlas legend page, which has been supplied to all forest officers, shows the standard scheme of colors and symbols which are used in the preparation of all atlas sheets.

It should be borne in mind that National Forests are established in widely different regions; as far north as Alaska and as far south as Florida and Porto Rico. On no two forests will the data suggested on the legend page be of equal importance, and it may be necessary or convenient to adopt additional symbols or colors to show unusual conditions. This is quite permissible providing the marginal notes are made explanatory or if the sheet is subject to only one interpretation by forest officers who will have to use it.

An atlas sheet or any other map should show plainly the information it is intended to convey, and artistic flourishes, fancy type, or border designs are useless. It should show what it is, where it is, the scale, who made it, and the date. It should show also by whom the field examination or survey was made and the date of the same. If it is from an original survey the magnetic variation should be given. On the borders of the map, if the area shown covers more than one township, the township and range numbers should be given, and also, if possible, one or more meridians and parallels. If a degree meridian does not fall in the map, then some intermediate may be given, such as 10' or 20'. Table 7 will be found convenient.

Table 7.—Lengths of degrees on meridians and parallels at different latitudes on the earth.

At lati- tude—	Length of 1° on meridians.	Length of 1° on parallels.	Convergence in one township or in two meridians 6 miles long and 6 miles apart.
	Miles.	Miles.	Links.
26°	68.84	62.21	35.4
27	68.85	61.68	37.0
28	68.86	61.12	38.6
29	68.87	60.55	40.2
30	68.88	59.96	41.9
31	68.89	59.34	43.6
32	68.90	58.72	45.4
33	68.91	58.07	47.2
34	68.92	57.41	49.1
35	68.93	56.72	50.9
36	68.95	56.03	52.7
37	68.96	55.31	54.7
38	68.97	54.58	56.8
39	68.98	53.83	58.8
40	68.99	53.06	60.9
41	69.01	52.28	63.1
42	69.02	51.48	65.4
43	69.03	50.67	67.7
44	69.04	49.84	70.1
45	69.05	49.00	72.6
46	69.07	48.14	75.2
47	69.08	47.26	77.8
48	69.09	46.37	80.6
49	69.10	45.47	83.5

The atlas sheets show the alienation of lands within National Forests, but it must be understood that data of this kind can not be accepted as final authority, but may be regarded as presumptive evidence. It has required three years to collect the alienation data for the National Forests, and since their status changes from day to day, while the compilation and publication of atlas sheets requires several months, it is evident that a folio can not be issued to forest officers which will be up to date in this respect. It is only by keeping new data posted on the sheets that the office record can be kept up to date.

Maps are never perfect, nor do they approach perfection unless repeatedly altered and corrected in accordance with dicoveries or changed conditions. Although the Forest Atlas sheets are compiled in every case from the best data available, they are often far below the standard which should obtain in forest maps. It will not be regarded as a reflection upon the compiler of a sheet if a large number of corrections are found necessary, and field officers should never hesitate, for this reason, about sending in data.

The coloring tints which are used in the classification scheme may be prepared as follows from standard inks that will be furnished by the property clerk at Ogden, upon requisition:

#### Forest Atlas-Color prescriptions.

#### Timberland:

Less than 2,000 board feet per acre—	Parts.
Green ink	2
Yellow ink	1
Water	2

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Timberland—Continued.	
2,000 to 5,000 board feet per acre—	Parts.
Green ink.	1
Water	3
5,000 to 10,000 board feet per acre—green ink.	
10,000 to 25,000 board feet per acre—	
Brown ink	3
Green ink.	3
Yellow ink.	2
25,000 to 50,000 board feet per acre—	
Brown ink	4
Green ink.	2
Yellow ink.	1
Water	7
Woodland, cordwood, etc.:	
Green ink	1
Yellow ink.	2
Water	8
Chaparral or brush:	
Brown ink.	1
Water	5
Sagebrush:	
Brown ink.	3
Yellow ink	2
Orange ink.	2
Water	10
Grassland, parks, etc.:	
Yellow ink	1
Water	
Barren land:	
Black ink	. 1
Water	20
Burn, forest cover established:	
Green ink.	. 1
Yellow ink	. 2
	0

Old cuttings:	Parts.
Brick-red ink	. 1
Water	. 3
Cultivated—red ink.	
Mineral lands—orange ink.	
Open for cattle and horses only:	
Brick-red ink	. 1
Water	. 3
Open for sheep and goats only:	
Yellow ink	. 1
Water	. 1
Closed for all stock—orange ink.	
Driveways for stock:	
Black ink	. 1
Water	. 20

When timber or woodland has been partly burned, the lining for burns may be used on top of the green. When partly cut over, or culled, the proper signs may be used in the same manner.

#### FOREST ATLAS CRAYONS.

In order to secure uniformity in coloring field maps, boxes containing 12 crayons are furnished, with a descriptive label, for use with the Forest Atlas legend. They are as follows:

#### COLORED CRAYONS.

#### General classification.

69. Less than 2,000 B. F. 29. 2,000 to 5,000 B. F. (light).

29. 5,000 to 10,000 B. F. (heavy).
15. 10,000 to 25,000 B. F. (light).

15. 10,000 to 25,000 B. F. (light). 15. 25,000 to 50,000 B. F. (heavy).

63. Woodland, cordwood, poles, etc.

87. Chaparral or brush.

37. Sagebrush.

2. Grassland, parks.

6609. Barren, above timber line, etc.

63. Burn, forest cover established.

72. Old cuttings.

46. Cultivated. 62. Mineral.

58. Water.

#### Grazing map legend.

- 58. Administrative divisions.72. Open for cattle and horses only.
- 2. Open for sheep and goats only.
- 62. Closed for all stock.87. Driveways for stock.

The property clerk has installed a machine for printing the Forest Atlas legend upon each colored crayon, and it is expected that this improved method of marking will lead to greater accuracy in the use of colors on maps. There have always been some uncertainties. due to the fact that many men are not good judges of color, and also because the makers of colored cravons change the formulæ for mixing colors or use different grades of pigment. It has also been found in the case of some colors that they change materially with age. Under this new method of marking it will be possible for the property clerk to obtain in each case the best grade of a standard color, and, disregarding the manufacturer's number, print the atlas legend upon the pencil. Thus, the bright yellow crayon will be marked "Grassland, parks, etc.," and "Open for sheep and goats only."

On important work a legend showing the colors and symbols used and their significance should accompany each map or folio.

#### MOUNTING MAPS ON MUSLIN.

Slightly dampen the muslin and stretch it over a table top or other flat surface. Fasten with tacks not more than 4 inches apart. Wet the map thoroughly by dipping it in water or with a sponge. Remove surplus

water with large blotters. Lay the map face down upon the muslin, and with a wide flat brush (rubber bound) apply paste quickly but evenly over the back of the map. Turn over the map and press it smoothly upon the muslin, using a blotter and roller. Leave it to dry overnight. The hands should be wet when handling a wet map and the surface of the map should be rubbed as little as possible. It is better for two persons to work together, holding all four corners of the map and allowing it to fall upon the muslin from the center toward the corners, thus avoiding air bubbles. If any paste gets upon the face of the map it should be immediately removed with a wet sponge.

Three or four layers of maps may be mounted on the same board, provided a dry piece of muslin (same size

as map) be placed between the layers.

In some instances, for convenience in folding to pocket or other small size, the map should be cut into sections, all of the same size and shape, and mounted with a slight break between each section, where the fold will come. In this case, each small sheet must be placed separately upon the big sheet of muslin, which has been previously dampened slightly.

One gallon of paste may be made as follows: Dissolve 1½ pounds of lump starch in 1 gallon of water. Then stir constantly while pouring boiling water over it until the mixture becomes thick. Set aside, and when almost cold squeeze through a piece of cheesecloth in order to

remove the lumps.

#### METHOD OF USING THE FOREST SERVICE STANDARD PLANIMETER.

Planimeters are issued to some forest officers and are used to determine areas platted on maps. They are constructed to register areas in square inches and deci-

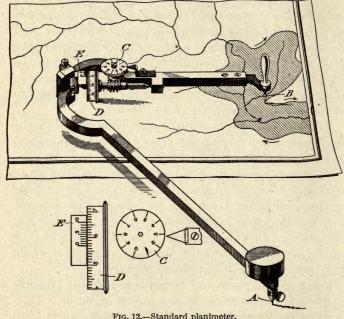


Fig. 12.—Standard planimeter.

mals of 1 square inch and are used in the following manner:

(1) Place the weighted stationary pin, A, figure 12, outside of the area to be determined, below and to the left, in a position which will permit the "tracing pin,"

B, to follow the entire outline freely. If the area to be determined is too large to permit placing the stationary pin outside, and thus determining the area as a whole, the area may be divided and its parts deter-

mined separately.

(2) Place the tracing pin at any starting point on the outline of the area and press it in to make a distinct mark on the surface. Set all the scales at zero with the hand. Then draw the tracing pin around the outline of the area, following it as exactly as possible, until the circuit is completed and the tracing pin rests at the starting point. The circuit must be made in the same direction that the hands of a watch move.

(3) Four figures, representing tens, units, tenths, and hundredths, may be read after the circuit is completed, and the reading may be from 00.01 to 99.99. Figure 12 shows a sample reading of 25.71 square inches because the dial C registers 10 square inches for each numbered division. The roller D registers 1 square inch for each numbered division. The vernier E registers 1 square inch for each numbered division.

ters 0.01 square inch to be read against D.

It will be noted that the pointer at dial C points between 2 and 3. The area in square inches is, therefore, between 20 and 30. The zero on the vernier E serves as a pointer for the roller D. This reads between 5 and 6. Therefore the integral area is 25. Counting the divisions between the figures 5 and 6, it is seen that the zero on the vernier barely passes the seventh mark. Therefore the first decimal is 0.7. By looking along the vernier E it will be seen that one of the graduations falls exactly opposite one of those on

roller D. This will happen in every case and the number of this mark on the vernier will determine the second decimal. In the diagram the first mark to the right of the zero falls opposite a mark on roller D and therefore the reading is 0.01. Thus the total reading is 25.71 square inches. Use a magnifying glass if necessary.

(4) The area in acres is found by multiplying the figure given by the planimeter by coefficient determined by the scale on which the map is drawn. If the scale be 1 inch to the mile, 1 square inch will represent 640 acres. If it be one-half inch to the mile, 1 square inch will represent 4 square miles and the acreage will be determined by multiplying the instrument reading by 640×4, or by 2,560. If the scale be 2 inches to the mile, 1 square inch will represent 160 acres; and so on for any desired scale.

(5) Blueprints and other photographic papers are never exactly to scale, but a conventional mile on the print can be planimetered, and the reading thus obtained will be known to represent 640 acres.

(6) On important work the area should be planimetered several times and the results averaged.

(7) For practice, a regular figure, such as a square containing a known number of square inches, should be planimetered until the reading on the instrument agrees substantially with the known area.

(8) Only an expert should attempt to adjust a planimeter. If the instrument does not work properly it should be returned to the property clerk for repairs.

#### LAND OFFICE SURVEYS.

The rectangular surveys of the United States Land Office control throughout the West and divide the land

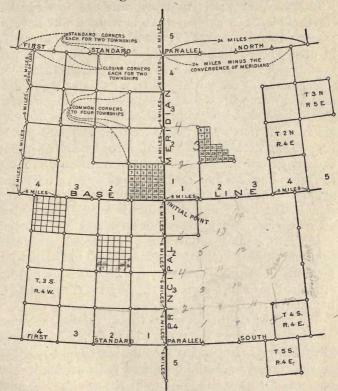


Fig. 13.—Rectangular system of Land Office surveys.

surfaces into squares, which may be divided and subdivided, quartered, quarter-quartered, etc. The unitof the system is the township, which is, conventionally, 6 miles square and contains 36 sections of 640 acres each, or 23,040 acres.

Inasmuch as meridian lines converge toward the North Pole, it is evident that townships will have a trapezoidal form and that they will materially decrease in area toward the north unless correction lines are introduced. The system is as follows (see fig. 13, p. 81):

Beginning at the initial points, a base line is run due east and west with standard parallels 24 miles distant. From these parallels guide meridians, 24 miles distant, are run due north and "close" on the standard parallels. This divides the region into tracts 24 miles square, except for the convergence mentioned. Then township lines are run, making tracts which are 6 miles square. These are afterwards "subdivided" into sections. The conventional section is legally subdivided into quarters and quarter-quarters, and by common usage into smaller subdivisions, but unless otherwise specified these are all proportionate areas to the quarter section. A conventional section is cut into quarters by straight lines which connect the quarter corners on its boundaries.

Whenever, as in the case of timber sales, it becomes necessary to survey and mark a line which bounds some alienation, it is important that the line should be either legally correct or should be agreed to in writing by the private owner for the purpose of the sale, and in case of a disagreement no timber should be marked for cutting in the disputed strip until the merits of the case have been submitted to the Forester and his instructions received.

There are many exceptions to the simple rectangular scheme as outlined above, and many different anomalous townships and sections result from methods which have to be employed in special cases.

#### RESURVEYS.

When a survey is to be made in a township which has been subdivided, or when the lines of old survey boundaries are to be retraced, the prime object is to *follow* all of the legal lines and to check up on all of the legal corners. For this purpose the surveyor should know:

- (1) The date when the original survey was made.
- (2) The variation used.
- (3) The change in variation, increase or decrease, since the original survey was made.

In any Western State this information may be obtained from the surveyor general, and usually from the county surveyor of the county in which the survey is to be made. In any event the new variation, as determined by the resurvey, should be entered in the field notes for future reference.

## CANCELLATION OF MISLEADING MARKS ON FORMER FOREST BOUNDARY POSTS.

Forest officers are cautioned that the agreement between the General Land Office and the Forest Service in regard to the cancellation of certain misleading markings on National Forest boundary posts does not extend to any of the existing regulations against changing the markings on any posts other than as herein specified

Owing to changes in some National Forests many of the metal posts used to mark the boundaries, as surveyed by the Geological Survey and approved by the General Land Office, have become misleading. As these posts usually mark section corners, and also furnish valuable points for reference, they must not be removed, but their misleading marks may be canceled. This will be done by cutting, with a sharp cold chisel, a line through any misleading word or words, the intention being to cancel them without rendering them illegible.

On no account shall any portion of the markings which are still true, or partly true, be thus canceled. For example, in the following cases, the words which, in a

National Forest, may be canceled are shown.

# AQUARIUS FOREST RESERVE <del>Loundary</del> Post No. 27, Black Hills <del>Boundary</del> Post No. 18. United States forest reserve <u>San Jacinto Boundary</u> Post No. 43.

Outside of a National Forest the words which, for example, may be canceled are shown thus:

#### UNITED STATES FOREST RESERVE MADISON BOUNDARY POST NO. 37.

In every case when any mark on a post is canceled the same cancellation must be made on the bearing trees if their marks are misleading, by cutting a groove across the word.

A report must be made to the Forester giving the location and number of each post canceled and stating which of the markings thereon have been canceled.

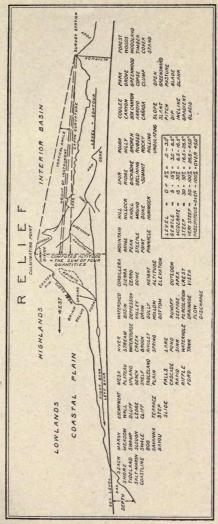
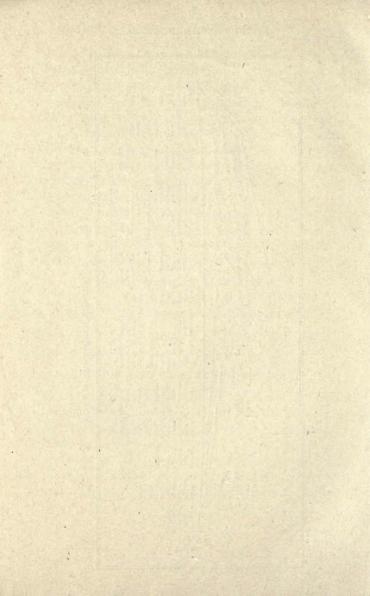
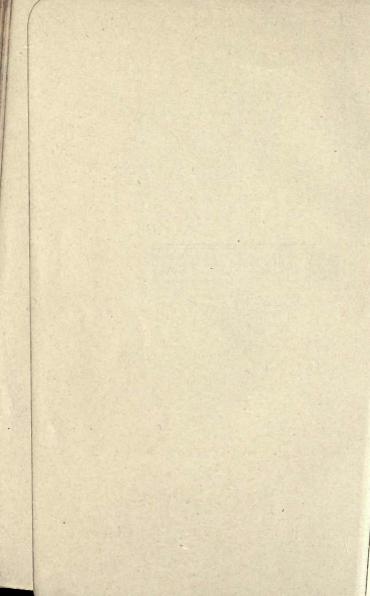


Fig. 14.-Names of physiographic features.



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